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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

#### R.C. JONES, SR. LEARNING ACADEMY, INC.

THE UNDERSIGNED, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes), adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

1.01 The name and of this corporation shall be R.C. JONES, SR. LEARNING ACADEMY, INC., and its principal place of business shall be at 6409 Lobedia Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209.

#### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- 2.01 Specific. The Corporation is organized to own and operate a charter school.
- 2.02 General. This Corporation may also transact any and all other lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.
- 2.03 This Corporation shall have the powers granted by Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.
- 2.04 The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# **ARTICLE III - PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

- 3.01 No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Paragraph 2.04 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- 3.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 3.03 Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS**

4.01 The original members of the Corporation shall be the members of the Board of Directors serving at the date of the execution of these Articles and as more specifically named in Article IX hereafter. There may be established, according to the terms of the Bylaws of the Corporation such class or classes of membership, honorary, associate, or other, as deemed by the original members to be in the best interest of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE V - CAPITAL STOCK

5.01 This Corporation shall be organized upon a nonstock basis and shall issue no stock.

#### ARTICLE VI - TERM OF EXISTENCE

6.01 This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

7.01 The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is: ESSIE M. JONES, 6409 Lobedia Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209.

#### ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

8.01 The business and affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by the officers hereinafter named. The officers in this Corporation shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the office of President and Secretary. The initial officers are:

Name	<u>Office</u>
ESSIE M. JONES	President and Founder
CAROLYN SHEPPARD	Secretary
TINA HOI SEV	Treasurēr

# ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9.01 The officers of the Corporation shall conduct the business and affairs of the Corporation under the oversight of a Board of Directors consisting of three (3) individuals initially. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time by the Bylaws. The name and address of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until his successors are elected and have qualified are as follows:

Name _	<u>Address</u>
ESSIE M. JONES	6409 Lobedia Street
	Jacksonville, Florida 32209
CAROLYN SHEPPARD	2219 West 17th Street
	Jacksonville, Florida 32209
TINA HOLSEY	7038 Bishop Holder Drive
	Jacksonville, Florida 32208

9.02 The manner in which the directors are to be elected or appointed shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE X - BYLAWS**

10.01 This Corporation shall adopt Bylaws governing the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation. The Bylaws may be amended as allowed by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, at any time by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

11.1 These articles may be amended at any time by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE XII - INDEMNIFICATION

against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees reasonably incurred or imposed upon him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been a director or officer of the Corporation, or any settlement thereof, whether or not he is a director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided that in the event of a settlement, the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being for the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such director or officer may be entitled.

# ARTICLE XIII - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

13.01 The street address of the Registered Office of this Corporation is 50 North Laura Street, Suite 2925, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, and the name of the Registered Agent of this Corporation at that address is Haywood M. Ball.

13.02 Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

HAYWOOD M. BALL, Registered Agent

Date

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ESSIE M. JONES Incorporator

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