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**AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
EDUCATIONAL CHARTER FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.1007 of the Florida Statutes, this Florida Not For Profit Corporation adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

1. The current name of the corporation is EDUCATIONAL CHARTER FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.
2. The original Articles of Incorporation for the corporation were filed on August 27, 2003, and assigned Document No. N03000007438.
3. The Articles of Incorporation are hereby amended and restated in their entirety to read as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be EDUCATIONAL CHARTER FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA, INC.

**ARTICLE II.
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business of this Corporation shall be as follows:

2750 Hartwood Marsh Road
Clermont, FL 34711

**ARTICLE III.
MAILING ADDRESS**

The mailing address of the corporation is as follows:

2750 Hartwood Marsh Road
Clermont, FL 34711

**ARTICLE IV.
COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

This Corporation commenced its existence on August 27, 2003, and shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law.

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ARTICLE V.
PURPOSES

The general purpose of this Corporation shall be to operate exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific, or literary purposes, and in furtherance of such goals is authorized to do any and all activities which it is empowered to do under these Articles provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as allowing any activities which would jeopardize the Corporation's tax-exempt status or otherwise be inconsistent with its classification as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or replaced from time to time (the "Code") and its regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, or as a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

The specific purpose for which the Corporation is formed is to acquire, establish, own, develop, maintain, improve, manage, and otherwise operate and deal with all or any part of charter schools.

ARTICLE VI.
GENERAL POWERS

This Corporation shall have all of the powers enumerated for corporations in the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, as it now exists and as hereafter amended, and all such other powers as are permitted by applicable law, including, without limitation and only by illustration, the following powers unless later restricted by applicable law:

- (a) To have succession by its corporate name for the duration of its existence.
- (b) To sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
- (c) To have a corporate seal, which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed, affixed, or in any other manner reproduced provided; however, such seal shall always contain the words "corporation not for profit."
- (d) To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- (e) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, create security interests in, lease, exchange, transfer, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.
- (f) To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- (g) To make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, educational, or other similar purposes.

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(h) To increase, by a vote of its members cast as the bylaws may direct, the number of its directors, so that the number shall not be less than three but may be any number in excess thereof.

(i) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise sell and deal in and with, shares or other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, or municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.

(j) To make contracts and guarantees and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as it may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, and income.

(k) To conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States or any foreign country.

(l) To elect or appoint officers and agents and define their duties and allow them reasonable compensation.

(m) To adopt, change, amend and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation or with the laws of the State of Florida, for the administration and regulation of its affairs and the exercise of its powers.

(n) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purpose.

(o) To merge and consolidate with other corporations both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, provided that the surviving corporation is a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE VII. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The Corporation shall not allow any part of the net earnings of the Corporation to inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any private person, member, director or officer of the Corporation (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 Article V hereinabove), nor shall any member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Corporation's assets on dissolution of the Corporation, nor shall a substantial part of the activities of the Corporation be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene (including the publication and distribution of statements) in the political campaign on behalf of or in opposition

to any candidate for public office. Provided, further, that if at any time the Corporation is deemed to be a Private Foundation as defined by Section 509 of the Code, then for so long as the Corporation is deemed a Private Foundation, the following provisions shall also be applicable:

1. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code.
2. The Corporation shall not retain any "excess business holdings" as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943(a) of the Code.
3. The Corporation shall not make any investments which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes or in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code.
4. The Corporation shall not make any "taxable expenditures" as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4945(a) of the Code.
5. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942(a) of the Code.

ARTICLE VIII. DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution, the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation and the liquidation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Corporation, the remaining assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the 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, as said court shall determine, for such purposes or to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IX. MEMBERSHIP

The members of this not for profit corporation, if any, shall be qualified and admitted as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X.
REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Christine Watson
2750 Hartwood Marsh Road
Clermont, FL 34711

The Corporation may change its registered agent or the location of its registered office, or both, from time to time without amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE XI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The directors shall be elected and the number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, provided however, the number of directors shall not be less than three (3). The names of the directors and officers of this Corporation are:

James T. Wels
10700 Versailles Blvd
Clermont, FL 34711

Director, Chairman and President

Stephanie H. Rhodes
1731 Nectarine Trail
Clermont, FL 34714

Director, Vice Chairman

Charles Rosenblum
10715 Lake Ralph Drive
Clermont, FL 34711

Director and Secretary

Nancy Stewart
2750 Hartwood Marsh Road
Clermont, FL 34711

Director and Treasurer

Craig A. Dykstra
3678 Peaceful Valley Drive
Clermont, FL 34711

Director

Bret Jones
700 Almond Street
Clermont, FL 34711

Director

ARTICLE XII.
BYLAWS

Except as otherwise provided by law, the power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII.
INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless all its directors, officers, employees and agents, and former directors, officers, employees and agents from and against all liabilities and obligations, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any actions taken or failed to be taken by said directors, officers, employees and agents in their capacity as such to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law.

ARTICLE XIV.
AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time by a resolution adopted by a vote of a majority of the directors present at any annual or special meeting provided a quorum is present.

ARTICLE XV.
HEADINGS, CAPTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

The headings or captions of these various Articles are inserted for convenience and none of them shall have any force or effect, and the interpretation of the various Articles shall not be influenced by any of said headings or captions.

References to "the Code" herein shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law in effect at any time.

4. The Amendment was adopted on January 9, 2009.
5. The Amendment shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Florida Department of State.

6. The Amendment was adopted by:

- ☐ the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.
- ☒ the board of directors. There were no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment.

EDUCATIONAL CHARTER FOUNDATION
OF FLORIDA, INC.

By: James T. Weis
James T. Weis, Chairman