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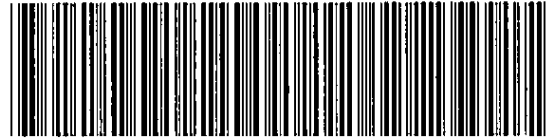
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TO: Amendment Section
Division of Corporations

NAME OF CORPORATION: Islamic Center of Brandon, Inc.

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The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Bart R. Saunders, Esq.

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Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

ISLAMIC CENTER OF BRANDON, INC.

(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

N03000008203

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:

_____ *The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.*

B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

N/A

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:

(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

N/A

D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent:

N/A

New Registered Office Address:

(Florida street address)

(City)

Florida

(Zip Code)

New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

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If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:

P = President; V= Vice President; T= Treasurer; S= Secretary; D= Director; TR= Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.

Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.

Example:

X Change PT John Doe

X Remove V Mike Jones

X Add SV Sally Smith

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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

Article IV - Changing from "Limitation of Corporate Powers" to "Memberships"

Article V - Changing from "Dissolution" to "Management"

Article VI - Changing from "Manner of Election" to "Shura"

Article VII - Changing from "Initial Directors and/or Officers" to "Donation"

Article VIII - Changing from "Initial Registered Agent and Street Address" to "Board of "Trustees"

Article IX - Changing from "Incorporator" to "Principal Office and Registered Agent"

Adding Article X - "Bylaws"

Adding Article XI - "Amendments"

Adding Article XII - "Limitation"

Adding Article XIII - "Dissolution"

Adding Article XIV - "Accounts & Books"

Adding Article XV - "Nonstock Basis"

F. If an amendment provides for an exchange, reclassification, or cancellation of issued shares, provisions for implementing the amendment if not contained in the amendment itself:

(if not applicable, indicate N/A)

N/A

May 22, 2023

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: _____, if other than the date this document was signed.

May 22, 2023

Effective date if applicable: _____
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Note: If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the incorporators, or board of directors without shareholder action and shareholder action was not required.
- ☒ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the shareholders. The number of votes cast for the amendment(s) by the shareholders was/were sufficient for approval.
- ☐ The amendment(s) was/were approved by the shareholders through voting groups. *The following statement must be separately provided for each voting group entitled to vote separately on the amendment(s):*

"The number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval

by _____
(voting group)

December 13, 2023

Dated _____

Signature Bart Saunders
(By a director, president or other officer – if directors or officers have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

Bart Saunders

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Attorney for Corporation

(Title of person signing)

AMENDED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ISLAMIC CENTER OF BRANDON INC
(A Florida Non-profit Corporation. 501(c)(3) Status)

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization is Islamic Center of Brandon. Inc... whose address is 1006 Victoria St, Brandon, FL 33510.

ARTICLE II. COMMENCEMENT & DURATION

The commencement of this corporation's existence shall be at the time of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations. This corporation's duration shall be perpetual unless it is hereafter dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

This corporation is being formed for the purpose of engaging in the transaction of all activities permitted under the laws of Florida and the United States of America.

This corporation is irrevocably dedicated to and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes: and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributed to nor inure to the benefit of any individual.

This corporation is being formed:

1. To practice Islam according to the commands of Allah Subhanawa-taala and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in the ways of Sunni principles.
2. To purchase land, construct and manage the Masjid for Sunni Muslims of the community.
3. To own and manage a cemetery for the Muslims of the community.
4. To operate religious school for the Muslim children of the community.
5. To convey the message of Islam to the people of other faiths, so that better understanding and harmony exists in the community at large.
6. Help the Muslim communities of the Tampa metropolitan area carry out Islamic programs and projects in accordance with the guidelines of the Qur'an and Sunnah.
7. Assist Muslims in organizing themselves for the entire spectrum of Islamic activities including, but not limited to social, cultural, religious, and educational activities.

8. Strengthen fraternal bonds and brotherly relations among Muslims.
9. Mobilize and coordinate human and material resources in Muslim communities.
10. Promote friendly relations and understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims in accordance with the teachings of the Qur'an and the Sunnah.
11. Endeavor to make Islamic teachings known to Muslims and non-Muslims, as in the Qur'an and the Sunnah.
12. Promote cooperation with other Muslim organizations on state, regional, national, and international levels, in accordance with the guidelines of the Qur'an and the Sunnah.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIPS

Any person who agrees to be bound by these Articles of Incorporation, the corporate Bylaws and any rules and regulations which the Board of Trustees may from time to time adopt is eligible and qualified for membership in this corporation.

The corporate Bylaws may provide the Board of Trustees further discretionary powers relating to the admission of members.

Members shall be:

1. All practicing Sunni Muslims will be the natural members of this corporation.
2. To be a member, one must believe and practice Islam according to the commands of Allah Subhanawa-taalah and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
3. Work for and participate in regular activities.
4. The members will participate in all the programs of dawa as conducted in the Masjid.
5. The members will use facilities of the corporation with the sole objective of practicing Islam.
6. The members will abide by the laws of the country (USA) and must not involve in activities that defame Islam and are considered anti-state.

ARTICLE V. MANAGEMENT

- A. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs and business conducted and managed by the Board of Trustees.
- B. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Trustees, under any provisions of the law, may be taken without a meeting.
- C. If all the trustees or at least two thirds of the Trustees shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees. Any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by at least two-thirds majority vote of the Board of

Trustees. Any certificate of other document filed, under any provision of the law which relates to the action so taken, shall state that the action was taken by the at least two thirds majority vote and written consent of the Board of Trustees in a meeting or without a meeting, and that these Articles of Incorporation authorize the Board of Trustees to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie of evidence of such authority.

- D. Any new project or projects, construction of such projects, will be handled by the Trustee. Collecting of funds and spending of these funds will be handled jointly by the Trustee and the finance secretary. Selection of project architect, engineers, builders etc. will be done by the Trustee.
- E. The Imam can be only hired and terminated by the Trustee.

ARTICLE VI. SHURA

- A. The Masjid affairs will be handled by a fourteen member Shura committee. The Shura will function for two years but if the Trustees are satisfied with the performances of the Shura, then the term can be extended by the Trustee for whatever additional years they decide.
- B. Members of the Shura will have different responsibilities as mentioned below. Two members will handle each department. All major decisions will be taken in joint mashwara of the members of the entire Shura. At least two thirds majority is needed for a decision. Individual committee may take their own decision as per guidelines of each committee.
- C. All members of the Shura should bear in mind the basic objectives of Brandon Masjid which are to understand the responsibilities of each Muslim for which Allah Subhanawataala has created as the Ummati of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Practice the deen according to the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), convey the message of Islam to the mankind: hold strong to the objectives and practice them in daily life.
- D. All members of the Shura must adhere to the constitution of the corporation, show respect to one another, and agree to follow the decision of the mashwara. Anyone violation those guidelines and refusing to accept the decision of the mashwara will be removed from the committee, if requested by the other members of the Shura by the Trustee. In case of dispute the Trustee may dissolve the Shura and form a new Shura.
- E. Under no circumstances, the members of the Shura will interfere, criticize, or withhold the facilities of the Masjid for the use by the Mussalee of the masjid.
- F. Unity amongst the brothers is the fundamental objective and should be promoted at any const in favorable and unfavorable conditions.
- G. Quran, Sunnah, and the Shariah guidelines must be the driving force for everyone. All the activities must be planned while keeping them in mind.

- H. The Trustee may take opinion of the members of the corporation including suggestive names for the members of the Shura or may choose of their own in their own Mashwara.
- I. All the mashwara will be conducted according to the Sunnah.
- J. The day-to-day matters of the Masjid will be conducted by the Shura as outlined below.
- K. One person of each committee will be the responsible brother. He will have another person as co-worker. To fulfill the department responsibilities, they may request to help of other members of the Masjid with written consent of the Leader of the Trustee of that time.
- L. The leader of the Shura will be selected by the members of the Shura will serve for a period of six months. No same person should be selected as responsible brother twice in the same year.
- M. Once every six months the responsible brothers of each committee will meet the Trustee to discuss any program or problem of the Masjid. The leader of the trustee of that month will conduct the mashwara. The mashwara will approve or disapprove any such program and discuss the problems to resolve them.
- N. If any member of the Shura resigns or leaves then the remaining members will suggest 2-3 names for each vacancy to the Trustee, who will select the new member from those names.

ARTICLE VII. DONATION

No donations will be accepted with any conditions that are contrary to the principles of the corporation. The trustee or the committees may reject donations that may not come from halal sources.

ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- A. There will be five members in the Board of Trustees who will be Sunni Muslim. The names of the Trustees:
 - a. Mohammed Wasim
1967 Fruitridge St, Brandon, FL 33510
 - b. Yakeen Jumah
916 York Dr, Brandon, FL 33510
 - c. Thomas N. Lewis
1205 Alexandros Oak Place, Tampa, FL 33619
 - d. Eyad Nassar
1505 Seaton Ct, Brandon, FL 33510

e. Omar Tariq Chaudhry

10645 Broadland Pass, Thonotosassa, FL 33592

- B. The Trustees are for life. If any of the Trustee dies, resigns or becomes totally disabled then a majority of the remaining members of the Trustee shall select a replacement trustee from among the brothers who is trusted brother in the community. If resignation letter is submitted, then the Leader of the month will call the mashwara of the Trustee to accept or reject such resignation.
- C. Every six months or during each mashwara the existing Leader will select new Leader with the opinion of the Trustee.
- D. If there is disagreement in any matter, the decision of a two-thirds majority of the Trustee will be final.
- E. A Trustee can be removed if one creates division, friction in the community, spreads allegations against other Trustees, fails to follow the Mashwara, talks against the efforts of dawa, the aims and objectives of the corporation undermines other Trustee, disrespects the members of the community works against the aims and objectives of the corporation, then a majority of Trustees can expel that Trustee and select a new Trustee.

FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEES:

MEMBERS OF MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

- A. The members will look after all the issues pertinent to keeping the Masjid in good condition, for example: repair work, cleanliness, pest control, landscaping etc.
- B. The members will hire a full-time or part-time person for keeping the Masjid/Kitchen/Restroom/Wudu place in good and neat and clean state.
- C. The members will hire the landscaper and handy man for all the repair work as needed.
- D. The members will look after the air conditioning system, all electric equipment, sound system, monitoring system etc.
- E. The members will maintain the stoves in the kitchen, refrigerators, cooler and water fountain for smooth running of the kitchen.
- F. The Masjid premises will be kept clean by the appropriate person/persons as decided by the members.

MEMBERS OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- A. The members in consultation with the Imam will select the syllabus for the boys' and girls' Quranic class and Islamic Education in the Masjid.

- B. The members will encourage the community members to send their children to the respective classes.
- C. The members will arrange adult Quranic class to teach and learn proper recitation of the Quran, Tarbiya and Tazkiya.
- D. The members will arrange classes for the new Muslims.
- E. The members will arrange Quranic Tafsir classes conducted by the Imam and the scholar of the Masjid only. No outsider or person who is not an Aalim and not employed by the Masjid should conduct Tafsir classes.
- F. The members will collect the fee with proper receipt from the students. If the committee decides to collect such fee and give the collection to the Finance Committee with proper documentation.

MEMBERS OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- A. The members will arrange the Islamic Events allowed by the Shariah, in consultation with the Imams of the Masjid.
- B. The members under the guidelines of Ikram ul Muslimeen will look after the well-being of the community members.
- C. The members will encourage the Muslims to understand all the citizens of our country (USA), establish good communication with them to reflect Islamic value, provide necessary help at the time of need.
- D. The members will arrange Iftar, Sehri and dinner in Ramadan.
- E. The members will make necessary arrangements for both the Eids, Khatme Quran and Islamic events suggested by the Imams and the Trustee.
- F. The members will not interfere with any Dawa program that will take place in the Masjid.
- G. No events should be arranged by the members where there will be mixed gathering.

MEMBERS OF YOUTH COMMITTEE

- A. Youth are our future flag bearer of Islam. Accordingly, they must be understood, welcomed, respected, and guided.

- B. To promote communication between the young generation and the community at large the members will give suggestion to other committees and the Trustee.
- C. The members will encourage the young generation to participate in regular Salah, and other programs of the Masjid.
- D. Once every six months the members will arrange the gathering of the youth in the Masjid. The Ulama or the brothers involved in dawa work, and a member of the young generation will give talk to those gatherings.
- E. The problems related to the youth will be handled by the members with utmost care and understanding. Every effort must be made to keep the youth attached to the Masjid and deen at large.
- F. Sensitive issues should be brought by the members for discussion at Trustee level for advice and resolution without creating division amongst the youth.
- G. Sports and sports events related to the youth will be handled by the members.
- H. Under the guidelines given by the Imam for the girls gathering can be arranged as per his suggestion by the members.

MEMBERS OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

- A. All the financial activities excluding expansion projects and new projects will be handled by the financial members.
- B. All collections (donation for the Masjid, Zakat, Sadqa and contributions for construction and expansion) will be deposited by the members to respective accounts.
- C. Opening of the safe boxes will be done by the responsible brother of the committee in presence of one of the trustee or Imam of the Masjid. The money will be counted and recorded under different heading in appropriate bookkeeping book and signed by above persons.
- D. The salaries, all monthly expense checks will be issued by the members. Two members and one Trustee will be the signatories of the accounts. Every check MUST BE SIGNED by two signatories.
- E. Any expense, other than salaries and utility bills above \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) must be approved by the mashwara of the Trustee and Leaders of different committee. Request for money by any committee must be approved in above Mashwara.

- F. If the financial committee members fail to follow the guidelines, then the committee will be dissolved by the Trustee and the Trustee will handle the financial matter until new members are selected by the Trustee.
- G. Once a year all the accounts should be presented to the Trustee in presence of the Shura. Any fund handled by the Trustee will be presented in that Mashwara.

MEMBERS OF KHIDMA COMMITTEE

- A. The members will arrange the cooking for Ramadan; Organize and serve.
- B. The members will arrange food and serve on any special events like Scholars visiting us, youth gathering etc.
- C. The members will coordinate and purchase for all special events.
- D. The members will help the social service committee to carry out their program.

ARTICLE IX. PRINCIPAL OFFICE & REGISTERED AGENT

The address of this corporation's principal office and the address of this corporation's registered office shall be: 1006 Victoria St, Brandon, Florida 33510

The name of the individual who shall serve as this corporation's registered agent at that address is Yakeen Jumah.

The name and correspondent address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is Yakeen Jumah 916 York Dr Brandon 33510.

ARTICLE X. BYLAWS

Corporate Bylaws will be hereinafter adopted by the Board of Trustees. The corporate Bylaws may be amended or repealed in whole or in part by the Board of Trustees in the manner provided therein, if they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation. Any amendments to the corporate Bylaws shall be binding on this corporation's members.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be proposed by a member of the board of Trustees and adopted by the majority of the members of the Trustee in their mashwara. Such amendments will become a part of the Articles of Incorporation of Islamic Center of Brandon Inc.

ARTICLE XII. LIMITATION

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, 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 of the corporation. None of the properties of the corporation can be used as collateral for any reason whatsoever either for individual or corporation's need. Any loan or financing that involves interest must be avoided even if it is Sharia compliant. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation except as otherwise provided in Section 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law). And the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles. The corporation shall not carry on 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 of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions of the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, transfer all the assets of the corporation exclusively to an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 so long as such organization shall use the assets for Islamic purposes as per Shariah. Any such assets not so disposed of for any reason shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located exclusively for Islamic charitable, Islamic education, Islamic religious or to such Islamic organization or organizations as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

ARTICLE XIV. ACCOUNTS & BOOKS

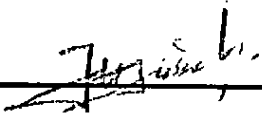
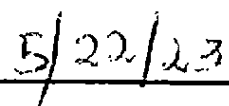
The Board of Trustees from time to time shall determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of this corporation or any of them shall be opened to the inspection of the Shura and no representative of the committees shall have the right to inspect any account or document of

this corporation except as conferred by the statute the Bylaws or authorized by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XV. NONSTOCK BASIS

The corporation is organized and shall be operated on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock or other certificate or writings evidencing an ownership or proprietary interest in the corporation.

The undersigned constituting this corporation's designated registered agent and this corporation's subscribers for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of Florida have executed these Articles of Incorporation on the dates indicated next to their signatures.

 _____ Subscriber	 _____ Date
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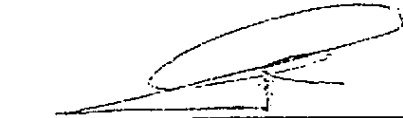
I hereby accept my designation as registered agent and agree to serve as the registered agent of Islamic Center of Brandon Inc. I hereby state that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for Islamic Center of Brandon Inc.

 _____ Yakeen Jumah – Registered Agent

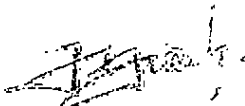
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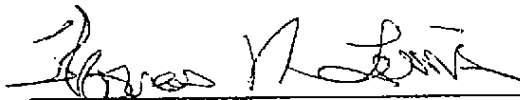
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Muhammad Wasim



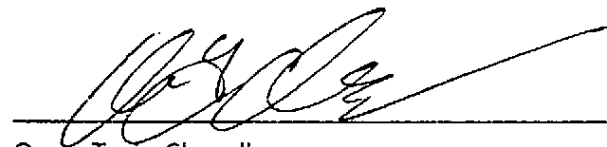
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