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Statement of Facts

Date: August 9, 2023

To: Florida Division of Corporations - Sunbiz

Subject: Document #N06000009815 - Unauthorized changes without Board Approval

Dear Representatives of Florida Division of Corporations,

I am Belal Ghaffari, the Vice President of the Islamic Center of Tallahassee, and attest that the filing made by Abdulah Alman on August 7, 2023, and the statement of facts submitted by Mohamed Ozair on August 8, 2023, are invalid.

They are both part of the previous board that were removed on December 11, 2022. The removal was based on Florida statute 617.0808 (Removal of Directors of non-profit organizations). Subsequently, elections were held May 6, 2023, and a new board of directors were elected.

Any filing made or will be made by the removed board after the removal date is nullified and will not be accepted by the elected board of the Islamic Center of Tallahassee. Please see the attached election documents.

Thank you,

Belal Ghaffari
Vice President
Islamic Center of Tallahassee

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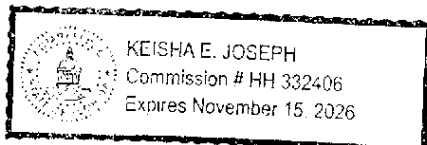
me this 9 day of August, 2023

by Belal Ghaffari
Name of Person Acknowledging

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Dear Members of the ICT, Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmat Allah wa Barakatuh.

We are writing to provide the results of the ICT Shura election that took place on Saturday, May 6th, 2023. We apologize for the delay in announcing the results as we needed to carefully check the vote count to ensure accuracy and due to an update in the final elected nominees.

There was a total of 174 voters who participated in the election, and we had 10 nominees running for 7 ICT board member positions. After careful and multiple reviews of the votes, the 10 nominees received the following votes:

Mahmoud Abd Elhadi	136	Zafer Lababidi	126
Musa Darwish	89	Ahmed Salem	75
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We congratulate all the newly elected members of the ICT Shura and thank all the nominees for their participation in the election. The board is composed of individuals who have been chosen to serve the community and uphold the values and principles of Islam.

We urge all members of the community to work together with the ICT Shura members and to participate actively in the various activities organized by the board. In Islam, it is important to work together and to communicate effectively to ensure that the needs and concerns of the community are addressed.

We pray that Allah (SWT) guides and blesses the newly elected members with the knowledge, wisdom, and strength to fulfill their responsibilities and to serve the community with excellence. We also pray that Zafer Lababidi's family and other commitments are blessed with ease and success.



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Dear Esteemed Members of the Islamic Center of Tallahassee,

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuhu.

We are pleased to announce the list of the nominees for the election of the new board of the ICT:

1. Afsah Anwar
2. Ahmed Salem
3. Belal Ghaffari
4. Mahmoud Abd Elhadi
5. Musa Darwish
6. Rashid Elhaj
7. Shakeebuddin Khaja
8. Talal Shaheen
9. Tarek Murad
10. Zafer Lababidi

Out of the 25 eligible nominated members, 10 have responded to accept their nomination, 11 have rejected their nomination, and 4 have not responded yet. According to the Florida election law for non-profit organizations, the 4 members who did not respond within the given timeframe are not included in the election list. Furthermore, another announcement with photos and a brief description will be added to each member in the election list.

We believe that all the nominated members possess valuable skills and expertise that will contribute to the growth and development of the ICT. We encourage all eligible members to participate in the upcoming election and cast their vote for the candidate they believe will best represent the interests of the Islamic community.

Thank you for your participation and support.

Best Regards,

The Election Committee.



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List of Nomination for THE ISLAMIC CENTER OF TALLAHASSEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (SHURA BOARD) ELECTIONS 2023 Election.

<p><u>Nominee 1:</u> Name: Br. Amir Khan Total number of nominations: 9</p> <p><u>Nominee 2:</u> Name: Br. Assem Arif Total number of nominations: 11</p> <p><u>Nominee 3:</u> Name: Br. Shafia Edin Total number of nominations: 12</p> <p><u>Nominee 4:</u> Name: Bro. Mahmoud Abd Elhadi Total number of nominations: 08</p> <p><u>Nominee 5:</u> Name: Bro Abu Motasam (Jubran) Total number of nominations: 12</p> <p><u>Nominee 6:</u> Name: Dr. Afsah (FAMU) Total number of nominations: 07</p> <p><u>Nominee 7:</u> Name: Dr. Elhan (Turkish) Total number of nominations: 08</p> <p><u>Nominee 8:</u> Name: Bro. Mohamed Elkhawaja Total number of nominations: 11</p> <p><u>Nominee 9:</u> Name: Bro. Mohamed Askar Total number of nominations: 13</p> <p><u>Nominee 10:</u> Name: Dr. Ahmed Rasheda Total number of nominations: 11</p>	<p><u>Nominee 11:</u> Name: Bro. Shakeeb Total number of nominations: 08</p> <p><u>Nominee 12:</u> Name: Dr. Musa Darwish Total number of nominations: 11</p> <p><u>Nominee 13:</u> Name: Br. Talal Shaheen Total number of nominations: 07</p> <p><u>Nominee 14:</u> Name: Br. Mohamed Abu-Zar Total number of nominations: 10</p> <p><u>Nominee 15:</u> Name: Dr. Bilal Alghafari Total number of nominations: 08</p> <p><u>Nominee 16:</u> Name: Br. Tarek Murad Total number of nominations: 10</p> <p><u>Nominee 17:</u> Name: Br. Ahmed Salem Total number of nominations: 10</p> <p><u>Nominee 18:</u> Name: Dr. Zafir Lababidi Total number of nominations: 09</p> <p><u>Nominee 19:</u> Name: Dr. Najib Cheggour Total number of nominations: 07</p> <p><u>Nominee 20:</u> Name: Imam Munir Alfarra Total number of nominations: 04</p>
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Nominee 21:

Name: Br. Behzad (Omar Shah)

Total number of nominations: 10

Nominee 22:

Name: Dr. Abd-Elatif

Total number of nominations: 06

Nominee 23:

Name: Br. Yousef Ali

Total number of nominations: 04

Nominee 24:

Name: Dr. Rashid Elhaj

Total number of nominations: 11

Nominee 25:

Name: Br. Hussien Darras

Total number of nominations: 11

Nominee 26:

Name: Br. Tanveer

Total number of nominations: 08

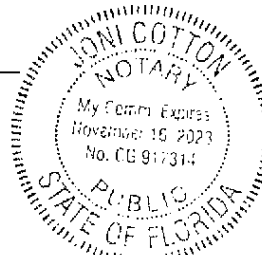
I confirm that the above-named individuals have been nominated for the position of Board of Directors (Shura Board).

Nomination certified by: Islam El Sherkany

Election Committee leader: Islam El Sherkany

Signature: Islam El Sherkany

Date: 04/28/2023



Notary Public: Joni Cotton

Signature: Joni Cotton

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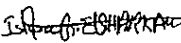
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I confirm that the above-named individuals have been elected to the position of the Board of Directors (ICT Shura Board) in the election that took place on May 6th, 2023.

Election Committee Leader: Islam El Sharkawy

Signature:  **Date:** 5/10/2023

Notary Public: TAYLOR GROSVENOR

Signature: 

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 10th day of MAY, 2023, by ISLAM EL SHARKAWY, who is personally known to me or produced FL DRIVERS LICENSE as identification.

Notary Signature:
(NOTARY SEAL.)



