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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FLORIDA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC (A Corporation Not for Profit)

In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes for the formation of corporations not for profit, we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together as a corporation for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set forth, and to accomplish that objective we do hereby make, adopt and subscribe these Articles of Incorporation, to wit:

## ARTICLE I NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the Corporation shall be **FLORIDA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.** (hereinafter "Corporation").

### ARTICLE II ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the principal office of the Corporation is 1707 Orlando Central Parkway Suite 150, Orlando, FL 32809, and the mailing address for the Corporation is 1707 Orlando Central Parkway, Suite 150, Orlando, FL 32809.

## ARTICLE III PURPOSES

- 1. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and for the purpose of engaging in any lawful act or activity not for pecuniary profit for which not-for-profit corporations may be organized, so far as is or may be permitted by the laws of the State of Florida and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Corporation shall not engage in any business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit and nothing in these Articles of Incorporation or in the Bylaws of the Corporation shall authorize the Corporation to, and the Corporation shall not, enter any transaction, carry on any activity, or engage in any business for pecuniary profit, and any income received by the Corporation shall be applied only to the nonprofit purposes and objectives of the Corporation set forth herein.
- 2. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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.
- 3. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the

purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization 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 this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting at least three (3) members which shall be constituted and have such powers as provided for in the Bylaws. The number and election of the Directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The initial members of the Board of Directors, who shall serve until their successors are named as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation, are as follows:

Will McKinley Suite 1100

106 E. College Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32301

Crystal Barber Suite 1100

106 E. College Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32301

Deborah Ramsay Aleksander Suite 1100

106 E. College Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32301

### ARTICLE V TERM OF EXISTENCE

The term for which this Corporation shall exist shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE VI DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to the state or local government, for a public purpose.

### ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have no members.

### ARTICLE VIII BYLAWS

The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX REGISTERED OFFICE

Unless and until changed, the registered office of the Corporation shall be located at 101 E. College Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32301, and the registered agent shall be Robert R. McDonald.

### ARTICLE X INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Robert R. McDonald 101 E. College Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32301

## ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereto, according to law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 12 day of March, 2007.

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Robert R. McDonald

#### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

The undersigned Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the Corporation is Florida Connections Academy Charter School, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent in office is:

Name:

Robert R. McDonald

Address: 101 E. College Avenue

Tallahassee, FL 32301

Incorporator

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statute relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent;

Mame: Robert R. McDonal

Registered Agent

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