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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
POLK AREA REAL ESTATE COUNCIL, INC.,
a Florida Not for Profit Corporation**

The undersigned incorporator, for the purposes of forming a not for profit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida, adopts the following as the Articles of Incorporation of Polk Area Real Estate Council, Inc.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the corporation is: Polk Area Real Estate Council, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is: 225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300, Lakeland, Florida 33801.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE**

The corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively as a 501(c)(6) business league, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or under corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal income tax laws and within such limits, to administer and expend funds for the following purposes:

- A. To promote the general advancement of real estate attorneys in Polk County, Florida;
- B. To promulgate knowledge to the Polk County community that highly qualified real estate attorneys practice in the area;
- C. To act as a forum for professional networking;
- D. To reach out to other distinct members within the industry at large; and
- E. To engage in any and all lawful activities incidental to the foregoing purposes except as restricted herein.

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ARTICLE IV
POWERS

The corporation shall be authorized and empowered to exercise any and all corporate powers conferred by Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, provided such powers are exercised in a manner that is consistent with, and reasonably necessary and incidental to, the objects and purposes of the corporation as set forth in Article III hereof.

ARTICLE V
DURATION

The existence of the corporation shall commence upon filing of these Articles of Incorporation and shall continue perpetually thereafter.

ARTICLE VI
REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office of the corporation shall be located at 225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300, Lakeland, FL 33801. The initial registered agent at the address is David A Miller, Esquire.

ARTICLE VII
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

NAME

David A. Miller

ADDRESS

225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300
Lakeland, FL 33801

ARTICLE VIII
MEMBERS

The corporation shall have one class of members. Members shall be elected and have the right to vote as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX
NO PRIVATE INUREMENT

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized

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and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes and objects set forth in Article III hereof.

ARTICLE X
DISTRIBUTIONS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to a charitable, scientific, religious, literary, or educational organization which at that time qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or under corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal income tax laws.

ARTICLE XI
DIRECTORS

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be six (6), but the number of directors may be increased or decreased in the manner set forth in the Bylaws, provided that the number shall not be less than three (3) and no more than fifteen (15). The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until their successors be elected and qualified are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Shawn A. Jiles	601 West Central Ave., Winter Haven, FL 33880
William T. Link, Jr.	1611 Harden Blvd., Lakeland, Florida 33803
David A. Miller	225 East Lemon St., Suite 300, Lakeland, FL 33801
Sean R. Parker	245 South Central Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830
Margaret Thumberg	6545 Corporate Centre Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Anthony A. Velardi	500 South Florida Ave., Suite 800, Lakeland, FL 33801

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ARTICLE XII
INITIAL OFFICERS


The officers of the corporation will be elected or appointed in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation. The names and street addresses of the initial officers of the corporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Title</u>
David A. Miller	225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300 Lakeland, Florida 33801	President
William T. Link, Jr.	1611 Harden Blvd., Lakeland, Florida 33803	President Elect
Sean R. Parker	245 South Central Avenue Bartow, FL 33830	Secretary
Felice Zelden	1410 North Westshore Blvd., Suite 600 Tampa, Florida 33607	Treasurer

ARTICLE XIII
INDEMNIFICATION

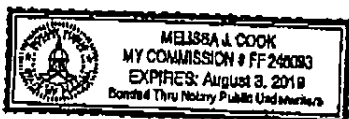
The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as incorporator, hereby executes these Articles of Incorporation on the 26 day of January, 2017.


David A. Miller, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared David A. Miller who ☒ is personally known to me or ☐ has produced _____ as identification.




Notary Public
My commission expires:

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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

I, David A. Miller, hereby accept the appointment of registered Agent for Polk Area Real Estate Council, Inc., as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Dated: January 26, 2017


David A. Miller, Registered Agent