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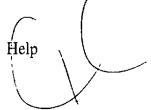
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### AMENDED AND RESTATED

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

## LEHIGH ACRES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, INC.

### A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT-FOR-PROFIT

Lehigh Acres Christian School, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit (the "Corporation"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes), pursuant to Articles of Incorporation filed on May 31, 2018, effective May 31, 2018, as document number N18000006049, hereby certifies, by and through its undersigned President, as follows:

The undersigned, being the President of the Corporation, hereby approves, executes and adopts these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation in their entirety for the Corporation pursuant to authority granted by the Corporation's Board of Directors and its sele Member. These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation have been duly approved, authorized, ratified, confirmed and adopted by the Corporation's Board of Directors and the Corporation's sole Member on, and are effective on, the date last below written.

## 1. Name

The name of the Corporation is Lehigh Acres Christian School, Inc. The Corporation's principal office is located at 1251 Taylor Lane, Unit 6D, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936 in Lee County, Florida. The Corporation's mailing address is 1251 Taylor Lane, Unit 6D, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33936 in Lee County, Florida. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office of the Corporation to any other address in the State of Florida.

# 2. Nature of Business

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational, to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment) or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and any rulings or regulations thereunder, or the corresponding provisions of any future internal revenue law of the United States of America (the "Revenue Laws"). More specifically, subject to the restrictions and limitations of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and the Revenue Laws, the Corporation will operate a private Christian school in Lee County, Florida for students in grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth (12th) grade as determined from time to time by the Corporation's Board of Directors with the approval of the Member.

### 3. Powers

The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in

conjunction or in cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, desirable, suitable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further accomplish, foster or attain any of such purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are set forth in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations described in Code Section 501(c)(3) (or any corresponding provisions of any future Revenue Laws), including any rulings and regulations thereunder.

## 4. Member

The Corporation's sole Member shall be the First Baptist Church of Alva, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, located at 2790 Joel Boulevard, Alva, Florida 33920, or its successor.

# 5. Term of Existence

Corporate existence commenced on the date of filing of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, and the Corporation shall have perpetual existence thereafter.

# 6. Incorporator

The name and address of the original incorporator to the Company's Articles of Incorporation are: Melissa D. Ruble, 458 Lampion Avenue, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33974.

## 7. Officers

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer; and such other officers as may be provided by Bylaws adopted for the Corporation. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors in the manner set forth in Bylaws adopted for the Corporation. The current officers of the Corporation are:

Robert J. Roper President

22131 N. River Road Alva, Florida 33920

George S. Berczik Vice President / Treasurer

2411 Herzog Road Alva, Florida 33920

Melissa D. Ruble Secretary 458 Lampion Avenue

Lehigh Acres, Florida 33974

# 8. Directors

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, the members of which shall be appointed by, and shall be subject to removal by, the Member.

The current Board of Directors is composed of the following persons:

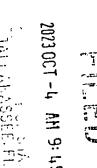
George Berczik 2411 Herzog Road Alva, Florida 33920

Mike Kumher 1011 Leroy Avenue Lehigh Acres, Florida 33972

James P. Lanier 1132 Apache Avenue LaBelle, Florida 33935

Roger Lewandowski 6361 Castlewood Circle Fort Myers, Florida 33905

Robert Roper 22131 N. River Road Alva, Florida 33920



# 9. Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the registered office of the Corporation is 2790 Joel Boulevard, Alva, Florida 33920, and the name of the registered agent at such address is the First Baptist Church of Alva, Inc.

# 10. Bylaws

Subject to the approval of the Member, the Board of Directors shall provide, and amend from time to time as warranted, such Bylaws for the conduct of the Corporation's business and for the conducting of the Corporation's purposes as the Board of Directors may deem necessary from time to time.

# 11. Amendments

Amendments to the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by resolution of the Board of Directors or by the officers of the Corporation and shall be approved by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum present at a meeting duly called in accordance with Bylaws adopted for the Corporation and by the Member.

# 12. Limitations on Actions

All the assets and earnings of the Corporation shall be used exclusively for the exempt purposes set forth above, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any members, trustees, officers, directors or any other private persons, except the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make

distributions and payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. No substantial part of the Corporation's activity shall be for the carrying on of a program of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 501(h) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); and the Corporation shall not participate in or interfere or intervene with (including the publication or distribution of statements regarding) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from U.S. federal income taxation under Code Section 501(c)(3) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws) or any organization, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws). The Corporation shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, and distribute no part of its net income or assets to any members, trustees, officers, directors or any other private persons, and the private property of any members, trustees, officers, directors or any other private person shall not be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

In particular, but without limitation of the generality of the foregoing paragraph, during such time as the Corporation may be considered a private foundation as defined in Code Section 509(a) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws), it shall not: fall to 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 Code Section 4942 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Code Section 4941(d) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); retain any excess business holdings as defined in Code Section 4943(c) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); make any investment in such manner as to subject it totax under Code Section 4944 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); or make any taxable expenditures as defined in Code Section 4945(d) (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws).

### 13. <u>Dissolution</u>

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all its assets remaining after payment of or provision for all liabilities of the Corporation, including costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be utilized exclusively for the exempt purposes of the Corporation or distributed to an organization described in and qualified under Code Section 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provisions of any future Revenue Law), as shall be selected by the last Board of Directors of the Corporation subject to the approval of the Member. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, trustee, officer, director or any other private person. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of common pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation on behalf of the Corporation on A. 04 2023.

Robert & Roper, President

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# Acceptance by Registered Agent

Having been named to accept service of process for the within-named Corporation, at the place designated hereinabove, the undersigned hereby accepts the designation to act in this capacity, and acknowledges it is familiar with and agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of his duties.

First Baptist Church of Alva, Inc., a Florida.

Robert J. Rober, Pastor

Dated: 0-4 4 .2023

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