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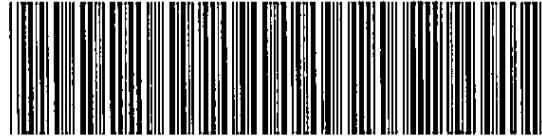
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SUBJECT: Bentley Education and Development Center, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Kenneth Bentley

Name (Printed or typed)

478 Kays Landing Dr.

Address

Sanford, FL 32771

City, State & Zip

321-262-5075

Daytime Telephone number

MRKJBENTLEY@gmail.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Bentley Education and Development Center, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal street address:
1118 Persimmon Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771

Mailing address, if different is:
478 Kays Landing Drive, Sanford, FL 32771

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: To provide: 1) GED, Job Readiness and Employability Skills training and Mental Health Counseling for at-risk youth, 2) supplement the black history and self esteem building education provided to students in the public schools of Seminole County, FL. 3) prepare youth for adult self-sufficiency as opposed to a life of crime, 4) create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships with positive adult role models for youth facing challenges in their personal, social, and academic lives, 5) inspire youth to seek higher education and assist in acquiring the funds needed to do so.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: outlined in bylaws

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title: Kenneth Bentley, Chairman

Address: 478 Kays Landing Drive
Sanford, FL 32771

Name and Title: Cynthia Walden, Vice Chair

Address: 1260 Polk Avenue
Deltona, FL 32738

Name and Title: Beverly Branch, Secretary

Address: 515 San Lanta Circle
Sanford, FL 33771

Name and Title: Dr. Barbara Kirby-Bentley, Treasurer

Address: 478 Kays Landing Drive
Sanford, FL 32771

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ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The **name and Florida street address** (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: Kenneth Bentley
 Address: 478 Kays Landing Drive
Sanford, FL 32771

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

Name: Lajuana Miller, President, CRA Solutions, Inc.
 Address: 109 San Lucia Dr.
Debary, FL 32713

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ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE:

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: 7/1/2020. (OPTIONAL)

(If an effective date is listed, the date must be specific and cannot be more than five days prior or 90 days after the filing.)

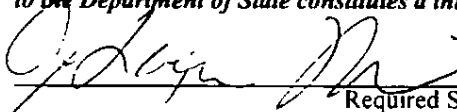
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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity


 Required Signature of Registered Agent

June 26, 2020
 Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.


 Required Signature of Incorporator

June 26, 2020
 Date

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
Bentley Education and Development Center, Inc.

The undersigned incorporators, who are individuals 18 years of age or older, all of whom are citizens of the United States and pursuant to the nonprofit corporation laws of this state, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation is: Bentley Education and Development Center, Inc.

ARTICLE II. REGISTERED OFFICE

The physical address of the registered office for this corporation is: 1118 Persimmon Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771

ARTICLE III. REGISTER AGENT

The name and address of the initial register agent is: Mr. Kenneth Bentley, 478 Kays Landing
Drive, Sanford, FL 32771

ARTICLE IV. DURATION

The period of duration is: The period of duration for this corporation shall be perpetual or until such time as the Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that the corporation be dissolved.

ARTICLE V. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bentley Education and Development Center, Inc. is to:

- 1) Provide GED, Job Readiness and Employability Skills training and Mental Health Counseling for at-risk youth,
- 2) Supplement the black history and self-esteem building education provided to students in the public schools of Seminole County, FL.
- 3) Prepare youth for adult self-sufficiency as opposed to a life of crime,
- 4) Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships with positive adult role models for youth facing challenges in their personal, social, and academic lives,
- 5) Inspire youth to seek higher education and assist in acquiring the funds needed to do so.

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3). The organization will engage in activities permissible under section 501(c)(3). No part of any activities of the organization will include participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. This corporation is not organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member of the Board of Directors or any other individual except that this corporation may make payments of reasonable compensation for services rendered. The corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.

Notwithstanding any provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

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ARTICLE VI. INITIAL OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

The number of directors, and the method of selecting directors, shall be fixed by the Bylaws of this corporation. The initial directors shall be five (4) in number. The names and addresses of these initial directors are as follows:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Addresses</u>
Kenneth Bentley	Chairman	478 Kays Landing Drive, Sanford, FL 32771
Cynthia Walden	V. Chair	1260 Polk Avenue Deltona, FL 32738
Beverly Branch	Secretary	515 San Lanta Circle, Sanford, FL 33771
Dr. Barbara Kirby-Bentley	Treasurer	478 Kays Landing Drive, Sanford, FL 32771

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERS

This corporation does not have members.

ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATOR

The Incorporator for the Bentley Education and Development Center, Inc. is:
J. Lajuana Miller, President, CRA Solutions, Inc. (management consulting firm)
109 San Lucia Dr., Debary, FL 32713
Telephone: 513-403-7254 Email: crasolu@aol.com

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ARTICLE IX. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS


- 1) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 set forth in Article V hereof.
- 2) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- 3) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax
- 4) No member, officer, or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.


ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

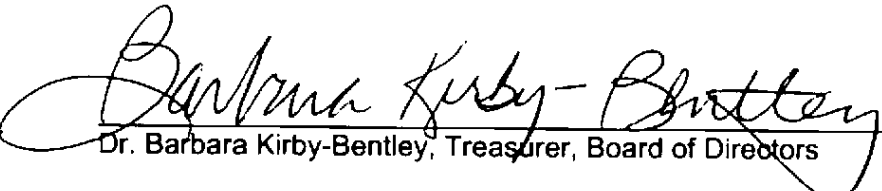
Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of Seminole County Florida, 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, we the undersigned, being the Incorporators of Bentley Education and Development Center, Inc. executed these Articles of Incorporation on June 26, 2020


Kenneth Bentley, Chairman, Board of Directors


Cynthia Walden, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors


Beverly Branch, Secretary, Board of Directors


Dr. Barbara Kirby-Bentley, Treasurer, Board of Directors