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### FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, the undersigned being of full age, for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit corporation without capital stock, does hereby accept all of the rights, privileges, benefits and obligations conferred and imposed by said law and does hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file these Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be Tampa Bay African American Arts & Cultural Center, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address and mailing address of the principal office of this Corporation shall be located in the County of Hillsborough at 2103 North Rome Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33607.

#### ARTICLE III TERM OF EXISTENCE

The duration of this Corporation shall be perpetual until dissolved according to law.

## ARTICLE IV CORPORATE PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now or hereafter amended (the "Code").

#### ARTICLE V REGISTERED AGENT

The registered agent of this Corporation shall be Ronald A. Christaldi. The street address of the registered office of this Corporation shall be: Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP located at 101 East Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 2800, Tampa, Florida 33602.

#### ARTICLE VI INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Ronald A. Christaldi Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP 101 East Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 2800 Tampa, Florida 33602

#### ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The method of election and removal of directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE VIII VOTING

The method of voting on corporate matters shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE IX INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation may indemnify the incorporator, any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

# ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

In the event of 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, distribute in any proportions thought wise all of the assets of the Corporation to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code as the board of directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction 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.

#### <u>ARTICLE XI</u> AMENDMENT

These Articles may be adopted, altered, amended or repealed only by a majority vote of the directors present at a regular or special meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present, or by all directors signing a written statement manifesting their intention that these Articles be adopted, altered, amended or repealed, provided, however, in the event of any meeting, notice thereof, which shall include the text of the proposed change to these Articles, shall be furnished in writing to each director at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which such alteration shall be voted upon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this  $4^{th}$  day of April, 2023.

Ronald A. Christaldi

Incorporator

#### ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for Tampa Bay African American Arts & Cultural Center Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Corporation") in these Articles of Incorporation. I. Ronald A. Christaldi, on behalf of the Corporation, hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with any and all statutes relative to the complete and proper performance of the duties of registered agent and am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Registered Agent:

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