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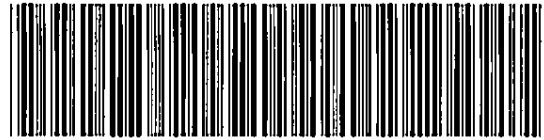
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Commissioner Russell C. Weigel, III

February 17, 2022

VIA INTEROFFICE MAIL

Timothy Burch
New Filings Section
Senior Section Administrator
Division of Corporations
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6327

Dear Mr. Burch:

Please file the enclosed "Articles of Incorporation" for Gulf Coast Business Bank, Fort Myers, Florida, **effective immediately upon filing.**

Enclosed is a check payable to the Florida Division of Corporations representing payment for the filing fee of the Articles of Incorporation and two certified copies.

Check Nos.	Amount
# 03499	\$52.50

The distribution of the certified copies should be as follows:

- (1) One copy to: Office of Financial Regulation
Division of Financial Institutions
200 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0371
- (2) One copies to: Richard Pearlman
Igler Pearlman P.A.
2457 Care Drive, Suite 203
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Office (850) 878-2411

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact David Burgess at David.Burgess@flofr.gov or (850) 410-9532.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Guevara
Financial Administrator
Division of Financial Institutions

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GULF COAST BUSINESS BANK**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator for the purpose of forming a financial institution corporation in accordance with the Laws of the State of Florida, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation shall be Gulf Coast Business Bank ("Corporation") and its initial place of business shall be at 12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966, in the County of Lee and State of Florida. These Articles shall be effective upon filing.

ARTICLE II

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this Corporation shall be that of a general commercial banking business with all the rights, powers, and privileges granted and conferred by the Florida Financial Institutions Codes, regulating the organization, powers, and management of banking corporations.

ARTICLE III

The total number of shares authorized to be issued by the corporation shall be 20,000,000, made up of 15,000,000 common shares and 5,000,000 preferred shares. Such shares shall be of a single class and shall have a par value of \$5.00 per share. The corporation shall begin business with at least \$10,250,000 in paid-in common capital stock to be divided into 2,050,000 shares. The amount of surplus with which the corporation will begin business will be not less than \$9,875,000.

ARTICLE IV

The term for which said Corporation shall exist shall be perpetual, unless terminated pursuant to the Florida Financial Institutions Codes.

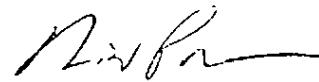
ARTICLE V

The number of directors shall not be fewer than five (5). A majority of the full board of directors may, at any time during the years following the annual meeting of shareholders, increase the number of directors by not more than two and appoint persons to fill resulting vacancies. The names and street addresses of the first directors of the Corporation are:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>
William M. Blevins	12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966
Gordon H. Fay	12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966
Gary H. Griffin	12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966
James T. Humphrey	12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966
Anthony Leon	12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966
Guy S. Paparella	12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966
William G. Price	12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966
Sandra L. Stilwell Youngquist	12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966
Thomas M. Taylor	12205 Metro Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33966

In witness of the foregoing, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 4th day of February, 2022.



Richard Pearlman

Approved by the Office of Financial Regulation this ____ day of February, 202.

Tallahassee, Florida

 Jeremy W. Smith
 Director
 Division of Financial Institutions

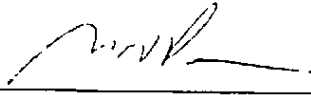
**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, *Florida Statutes*, 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:

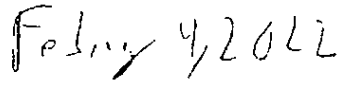
1. The name of the corporation is: Gulf Coast Business Bank
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Igler and Pearlman, P.A.
2457 Care Drive, Suite 203
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

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.



Richard Pearlman, President

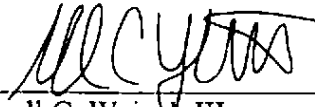


Date

APPROVED by the Office of Financial Regulation this 17th day of

February, 2022.

Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida



Russell C. Weigel, III
Commissioner
Office of Financial Regulation

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