



State of Rhode Island  
Office of the Secretary of State

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Division Of Business Services  
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**Non-Profit Corporation**

**Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is The Pinnacle Foundation

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is  Perpetual

**ARTICLE III**

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, FURTHERING EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WHO INTEND TO PURSUE A TRADE OR VOCATIONAL DEGREE OR CERTIFICATION IN THE PLUMBING, HEATING AND HVAC TRADES THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ALONG WITH GENERAL PHILANTHROPY IN THE COMMUNITY. THE CORPORATION MAY CONDUCT ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY, USEFUL, OR DESIRABLE FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSES, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WHETHER ALONE OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE MAKING OF DISTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNATED BY THE CORPORATION THAT QUALIFY AS EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW) AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER (THE "CODE"). THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THOSE PURPOSES FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES AND TO SPEND THOSE FUNDS IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS PURPOSES.

**ARTICLE IV**

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

(A) THE CORPORATION SHALL HAVE NO MEMBERS.

(B) NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, DIRECTORS, 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 THESE ARTICLES. NO 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. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THESE ARTICLES, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON (1) BY A CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE CODE OR (2) BY A CORPORATION TO WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE CODE.

(C) UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, ITS NET ASSETS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CORPORATION'S BYLAWS TO ONE OR MORE EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE CODE, FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, AND ANY NET ASSETS NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY THE SUPERIOR COURT 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.

(D) NO DIRECTOR UNDERTAKING TO EXERCISE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE PERSONAL LIABILITY TO THE CORPORATION FOR MONETARY DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF SUCH DIRECTOR'S DUTY AS A DIRECTOR, PROVIDED THAT THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT ELIMINATE OR LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF SUCH DIRECTOR FOR: (1) ANY BREACH OF SUCH DIRECTOR'S DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE CORPORATION; (2) ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR WHICH INVOLVE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF LAW; OR (3) ANY TRANSACTION FROM WHICH

THE DIRECTOR DERIVED AN IMPROPER PERSONAL BENEFIT.

#### ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 1 CITIZENS PLAZA  
8TH FLOOR

City or Town: PROVIDENCE

State: RI

Zip: 02903

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is ADLER POLLOCK & SHEEHAN P.C.

**ARTICLE VI**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	ALLEN PACHECO	27 BALSAM LANE SMITHFIELD, RI 02917 USA
DIRECTOR	GISELLE PACHECO	27 BALSAM LANE SMITHFIELD, RI 02917 USA
DIRECTOR	LISA RATAIC	17 BLOSSOM CIRCLE NORTH SCITUATE, RI 02857 USA

**ARTICLE VII**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	KATHRYN S. WINDSOR ESQUIRE	ADLER POLLOCK & SHEEHAN P.C. 1 CITIZENS PLAZA, 8TH FL. PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

**ARTICLE VIII**

Date when corporate existence is to begin  
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 13 Day of March, 2024 at 11:51:20 AM by the incorporator(s).** *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

**Enter signature(s) below.**

KATHRYN S. WINDSOR, ESQUIRE

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