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**Foreign Corporation**

**Application for Certificate of Authority**

(Section 7-1 2-1405 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**SECTION I**

The name of the corporation is Appalachian University Systems, JNC

**SECTION II**

It is incorporated under the laws of State: AL Country: USA

This Application for Certificate of Authority shall be effective upon filing unless a specified date is provided which shall be no later than the 90th day after the date of this filing

**SECTION III**

The name, if different, which it elects to use in Rhode Island:

- (a) If the name of the corporation does not contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated", or "limited", or an abbreviation thereof, add one of these corporate endings for use in Rhode Island OR  
(b) if the corporation proposes to qualify and transact business under a different name, list that name:

**Smarter Furnishings**

Note: If option (b) is elected, a Fictitious Business Name Statement (FORM 624A) is required to be filed with this application

**SECTION IV**

The date of its incorporation is 4/14/2000

and the period of its duration is ☒ Perpetual ☐

**SECTION V**

The location of its principal office is

No. and Street: 150 COMMERCIAL CT

City or Town: ALABASTER

State: AL

Zip: 35007

Country: USA

**SECTION VI**

The address of its proposed registered office in Rhode Island is

No. and Street: 700 NARRAGANSETT PARK DRIVE STE 100

City or Town: PAWTUCKET

State: RI

Zip: 02861

and the name of its proposed registered agent in Rhode Island at that address is REGISTERED AGENTS INC

**SECTION VII**

The purpose or purposes which it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in Rhode Island are:

TO SELL FURNITURE AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.

**SECTION VIII**

(a) The names and respective addresses of its directors (optional unless directors are required under the laws of the state or country of which it is incorporated).

Title	Individual Name <small>First, Middle, Last, Suffix</small>	Address <small>Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country</small>
PRESIDENT	BRIAN TIPTON	8003 WOODFERN INDIAN SPRINGS, AL 35124 USA
VICE PRESIDENT	DEAN HARVISON	5650 DOUBLE OAK LANE BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242 USA
VICE PRESIDENT	BRIAN TIPTON	8003 WOODFERN DRIVE INDIAN SPRINGS, AL 35124 USA
DIRECTOR	JOHNNY MAXWELL COLLINS	7043 FOX CREEK DRIVE, TRUSSVILLE, AL 35173 TRUSSVILLE, AL 35173 USA

(b) The names and respective addresses of its principal officers (mandatory if directors are not required under the laws of the state or country of which it is incorporated).

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**SECTION IX**

The aggregate number of shares which it has authority to issue, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is:

Class of Stock	Series of Stock	Par Value Per Share	Total Authorized Shares <small>Num of Shares</small>
Undesignated	A	1.00	500

Signed this 7 Day of May, 2025 at 10:35:12 AM by the officers(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 § 7-1.

By JERMAINE WEST

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Corporation

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Wes Allen  
Secretary of State

P.O. Box 5616  
Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

# STATE OF ALABAMA

**I, Wes Allen, Secretary of State of Alabama, having custody of the  
Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that**

the entity records on file in this office disclose that Appalachian University  
Systems, Inc. was formed in Jefferson County on April 14, 2000. The Alabama  
Entity Identification number for this entity is 000-209-342. I further certify that the  
records do not disclose that said entity has been dissolved, cancelled or terminated.



**In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the  
Capitol, in the city of Montgomery, on this day.**

05/01/2025

Date

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wes Allen", is written over a horizontal line.

Wes Allen

Secretary of State



State of Rhode Island

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**Gregg M. Amore, Secretary of State**

I, GREGG M. AMORE, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,  
hereby certify that this document, duly executed in accordance with the provisions  
of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this

office on this day:

May 21, 2025 01:08 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gregg M. Amore".

Gregg M. Amore  
*Secretary of State*

