On **THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025, HOPE FLORIDA FOUNDATION, INC.** met on Zoom. President Hay called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The meeting was posted in accordance with Florida Statutes and a quorum was present. *[Live Streaming from Tallahassee, FL].*

Foundation members present, Josh Hay, President

Fatima Perez

Stephanie White

Wendy Nissan

Tina Vidal-Duart

Also present, Jeff Aaron, Counsel

Before the meeting began, Mr. Hay announced the resignation of board member Jake Farmer and the appointment of board member Wendy Nissan.

**ADOPTION OF CORE VALUES**

1. Upon motion by President Hay, second by Fatima Perez, vote carried to adopt these core values:
   1. Integrity – we uphold the highest standards of honesty, transparency, and accountability in all that we do;
   2. Humility – we lead and serve with gratitude recognizing that every success is a shared effort and every voice matters;
   3. Opportunity – we believe in creating pathways for children and families to thrive regardless of their circumstances;
   4. Purpose – our work is grounded in a clear sense of mission supporting our communities with the deliberate intention of economic self sufficiency;
   5. Empathy – we approach every person and partnership with compassion, dignity, and a deep understanding of lived experiences;
   6. Stewardship – we honor the trust placed in us by managing our resources wisely and acting as responsible caretakers of our mission; and
   7. Optimism – we overcome challenges with the spirit of hope and belief in a brighter future for the communities we serve.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. “Jody H” – supportive of Hope Florida.
2. “tnurse” - supportive of Hope Florida, requesting controls and transparency.
3. “Chris” **-** supportive of Hope Florida, highlighting Justic Lawson’s opinion piece showing there was no scandal and claiming it’s sad people would go after a program like this for political reasons.
4. Werther Marciales – supportive of Hope Florida, echoing “Chris’” sentiments, believes political attacks have been disgraceful.
5. Alex Andrade – encouraging the foundation to attempt to recover the two $5M grants.
6. Diana Taub – supportive of Hope Florida, she is disgusted by the political “things” going on against Hope Florida, does not think the money was spent on political activities.
7. Paula – supportive of Hope Florida.
8. “Nancy M” - supportive of Hope Florida, looking forward to greater transparency and structure.

**DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT**

1. Upon motion by Stephanie White, second by Tina Vidal-Duart, vote carried to remove individuals who are disrupting the meeting.
2. Upon motion by Josh Hay, second by Fatima Perez, to take a 10 minute recess to settle the issues we’re having.
3. Upon motion by Tina Vidal-Duart, second by Fatima Perez, to adopt a policy to prevent sharing and video at future board meetings.

**RECESS**

1. In light of disruptions during pubic comment, President Josh Hay recessed the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Meeting resumed at 4:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)**

1. Nicole Grabner – requesting clarification on funding, programs, and services.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

1. Upon motion by Tina Vidal-Duart, second by Wendy Nissan, vote carried to approve the Articles of Incorporation and any annual reports, as will be amended by the President.

**1023**

1. Upon motion by Tina Vidal-Duart, second by Stephanie White, vote carried to approve and ratify the 1023, as will be amended by the President.

**BYLAWS**

1. Upon motion by Tina Vidal-Duart, second by Stephanie White, vote carried to adopt the draft bylaws, subject to the following changes:
   1. Page 3, Section V: The reference to “617.0834(1)(b)” shall be changed to “617.0834(1).”
   2. Page 4, Article VII, Section 1: Add, “The Foundation shall have at least one meeting per quarter of its fiscal year.”
   3. Page 4, Article VIII, Section 1: Change, “The executive committee shall develop and submit a proposed annual budget for consideration and approval by the Department and the Board” to “The President or his/her designee shall develop and submit a proposed annual budget for consideration and approval by the Department and the Board.”

**OFFICERS**

1. Upon request by Tina Vidal-Duart the selection of officers will occur later.

**20.058, FLORIDA STATUTES**

1. Upon motion by Tina Vidal-Duart, second by Wendy Nissan, vote carried to allow the President to work with the Department and execute the contract between the Department and the Foundation.
2. Upon motion by Tina Vidal-Duart, second by Wendy Nissan, vote carried to adopt and file the IRS Form 990.
3. Upon motion by Tina Vidal-Duart, second by Stephanie White, vote carried to authorize the President to sign and submit the required attestation form regarding investments.
4. Upon motion by Fatima Perez, second by Wendy Nissan, vote carried to adopt a code of ethics.
5. Upon motion by Fatima Perez, second by Wendy Nissan, vote carried to submit an overview and responses to the requirements outline in paragraphs (a) – (g) in the above mentioned statute.

**COUNSEL**

1. Upon motion by Tina Vidal-Duart, second by Wendy Nissan, vote carried to accept the resignation of the Holtzman Vogel law firm.
2. Presentation of the Sunshine Law and Public Records Laws from counsel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY**

1. Upon motion by Tina Vidal-Duart, second by Fatima Perez, vote carried to require public comment be related to an agenda item at future board meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

1. There being no further business to be considered, President Hay adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

(Digitally signed on , 2025)

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Josh Hay

President