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8	BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS					
9	FOR THE BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION STATE OF CALIFORNIA					
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11	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:	Case No. BPPE24-0174 OAH No. 2025020003				
12	AGI TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE	DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER				
13	Application for Renewal of Approval to					
14	Application for Renewal of Approval to Operate and offer Education Programs for Non-Accredited Institutions	[Gov. Code, § 11520]				
15	Institution Code No. 3303721					
16	Respondent.					
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19	FINDINGS	OF FACT				
20	FINDINGS OF FACT  1. On or about December 24, 2024, complainant Deborah Cochrane, in her official					
21	capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (bureau), Department of					
22	Consumer Affairs, filed before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs Statement of					
23	Issues No. BPPE24-0174 against AGI Technology Institute (respondent), owned by Chaturvedi					
24	Enterprises, Inc. with Gopal Chaturvedi as owner/director.					
25	2. On or about June 12, 2020, respondent filed an application dated June 1, 2020, with					
26	the bureau for Renewal of Approval to Operate and Offer Educational Programs for Non-					
27	Accredited Institutions.					
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- 3. On or about February 8, 2024, the bureau issued a letter denying respondent's application for Renewal of Approval to Operate and Offer Educational Programs for Non-Accredited Institutions. On or about February 26, 2024, respondent appealed the bureau's denial of its application and requested a hearing.
- 4. On or about January 14, 2025, an employee of the Department of Justice, served by Certified and First Class Mail a copy of the Statement of Issues No. BPPE24-0174, Statement to Respondent, Request for Discovery, and discovery statutes to respondent's address on the application form, which was and is 14075 Hesperia Rd. #204, Victorville, CA 92395. A copy of the Statement of Issues is attached as exhibit A, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 5. Service of the Statement of Issues was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c).
- 6. A Notice of Hearing was served by mail at respondent's address on the application and it informed respondent that an administrative hearing in this matter was scheduled for August 4, 2025, to continue on a day-by-day basis, as necessary, through August 5, 2025.
- 7. The matter was called for hearing at the date, time and location set forth in the Notice of Hearing. The assigned Administrative Law Judge found that the service of the Notice of Hearing on respondent was proper. There was no appearance by or on behalf of respondent. A default was declared and on motion of counsel for Complainant, the matter was remanded to the bureau under Government Code section 11520.
  - 8. Business and Professions Code section 118 states, in pertinent part:
  - (a) The withdrawal of an application for a license after it has been filed with a board in the department shall not, unless the board has consented in writing to such withdrawal, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a proceeding against the applicant for the denial of the license upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order denying the license upon any such ground.
  - 9. Government Code section 11506, subdivision (c) states, in pertinent part:
  - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense . . . and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense . . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

Exhibit A

Statement of Issues No. BPPE24-0174

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9	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR THE BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION					
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12	AGI TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE	STATEMENT OF ISSUES				
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15	Institution Code No. 3303721					
16	Respondent.					
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18	<u>PARTIES</u>					
19	1. Deborah Cochrane (complainant) brings this Statement of Issues solely in her officia					
20	capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (bureau), Department of					
21	Consumer Affairs.					
22	2. On or about June 12, 2020, the bureau received an Application for Renewal of					
23	Approval to Operate and Offer Educational Programs for Non-Accredited Institutions from AGI					
24	Technology Institute (respondent), owned by Chaturvedi Enterprises, Inc. with Gopal Chaturved					
25	as owner/director. On or about June 1, 2020, Gopal Chaturvedi certified under penalty of perjury					
26	to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application. The bureau					
27	denied the application on February 8, 2024.					
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#### **JURISDICTION**

- 3. This Statement of Issues is brought before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs for the bureau for Private Postsecondary Education under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Education Code (Code), unless stated otherwise.
- 4. Section 94817 defines "approval to operate" or "approval" to mean "the authorization...to offer to the public and to provide postsecondary educational programs, as well as the written document issued to an institution signifying its approval to operate."
- 5. Section 94817.5 defines "approved to operate" or "approved" to mean "that an institution has received authorization...to offer to the public and to provide postsecondary educational programs."
  - 6. Section 94885 states in pertinent part:
  - (a) The bureau shall adopt by regulation minimum operating standards for an institution that shall reasonably ensure that all of the following occur:
    - (1) The content of each educational program can achieve its stated objective.
  - (2) The institution maintains specific written standards for student admissions for each educational program and those standards are related to the particular educational program.
  - (3) The facilities, instructional equipment, and materials are sufficient to enable students to achieve the educational program's goals.
    - (4) The institution maintains a withdrawal policy and provides refunds.
    - (5) The directors, administrators, and faculty are properly qualified.
  - (6) The institution is financially sound and capable of fulfilling its commitments to students.
  - (7) That, upon satisfactory completion of an educational program, the institution gives students a document signifying the degree or diploma awarded.
  - (8) Adequate records and standard transcripts are maintained and are available to students.
  - (9) The institution is maintained and operated in compliance with this chapter and all other applicable ordinances and laws.

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#### **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

#### 7. Section 94886 states:

Except as exempted in Article 4 (commencing with Section 94874) or in compliance with the transition provisions in Article 2 (commencing with Section 94802), a person shall not open, conduct, or do business as a private postsecondary educational institution in this state without obtaining an approval to operate under this chapter.

#### 8. Section 94887 states:

An approval to operate shall be granted only after an applicant has presented sufficient evidence to the bureau, and the bureau has independently verified the information provided by the applicant through site visits or other methods deemed appropriate by the bureau, that the applicant has the capacity to satisfy the minimum operating standards. The bureau shall deny an application for an approval to operate if the application does not satisfy those standards. The bureau may deny an application for an approval to operate institutions that would be owned by, have persons in control of, or employ institution managers that had knowledge of, should have known, or knowingly participated in any conduct that was the cause for revocation or unmitigated discipline at another institution.

#### 9. Section 94891 states in pertinent part

- (a) The bureau shall adopt by regulation the process and procedures whereby an institution may obtain a renewal of an approval to operate.
- (b) To be granted a renewal of an approval to operate, the institution shall demonstrate its continued capacity to meet the minimum operating standards.

#### 10. Section 94909 states in pertinent part:

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (d), before enrollment, an institution shall provide a prospective student, either in writing or electronically, with a school catalog containing, at a minimum, all of the following:
- (1) The name, address, telephone number, and, if applicable, internet website address of the institution.
- (5) A description of the programs offered and a description of the instruction provided in each of the courses offered by the institution, the requirements for completion of each program, including required courses, any final tests or examinations, any required internships or externships, and the total number of credit hours, clock hours, or other increments required for completion.

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11. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 70000, subdivision (j), defines "duly qualified faculty" or "faculty member" to mean "a person or people who satisfy the requirements of section 71720."

- 12. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71170 states "The institution shall describe in detail its mission and objectives."
  - 13. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71475 states in pertinent part:

. . .

- (i) The institution shall include in its application an organization chart that shows the governance and administrative structure of the institution and the relationship between faculty and administrative positions. If there have been no substantive changes since the last submission of an organizational chart, the institution may so state and is not required to submit documentation.
- (j) The institution shall provide in the application a description of the job duties and responsibilities of each administrative and faculty position. If there have been no substantive changes since the last submission, the institution may so state and is not required to submit documentation.
- (k) The institution shall identify in the application the chief executive officer, chief operating officer, and chief academic officer and describe their education, experience, and qualifications to perform their duties and responsibilities. If there have been no substantive changes since the last submission, the institution may so state and is not required to submit documentation.

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(n) The institution shall describe in the application, in detail its mission and objectives. If there have been no substantive changes since the last submission, the institution may so state and is not required to submit documentation.

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(r) The institution shall identify and describe, in the application, the educational program it offers, or proposes to offer. If the educational program is a degree program, the institution shall identify the full title which it will place on each degree awarded. If there have been no substantive changes since the last submission, the institution may so state and is not required to submit documentation.

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(t) In addition, the institution shall list in the application, the following for each educational program offered unless there have been no substantive changes since the last submission. If there have been no substantive changes made the institution may so state and is not required to provide documentation.

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Respondent failed to describe in the application the chief academic officer's

education, experience, and qualifications to perform his duties and responsibilities, in violation of

Regulations, title 5, section 71475, subdivision (j).

California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71475, subdivision (k).

49. Complainant realleges paragraphs 16-44.

### SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

# (Failure to Meet Minimum Operational Standards-Mission and Objectives)

50. Respondent's renewal application is subject to denial under Code sections 94885, subdivision (a), 94886, 94887, and 94891, subdivision (b), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71700 in that respondent failed to meet the legally required minimum operating standards. Respondent failed to describe in the application in detail its mission and objectives, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, sections 71170 and 71475, subdivision (n). Complainant realleges paragraphs 16–44.

### THIRD CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

# (Failure to Meet Minimum Operational Standards—Instruction and Degrees Offered)

- 51. Respondent's renewal application is subject to denial under Code sections 94885, subdivision (a), 94886, 94887, and 94891, subdivision (b), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71700 in that respondent failed to meet the legally required minimum operating standards, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 52–58 below.
- 52. Respondent failed to identify and describe in the application all educational programs it offers or proposes to offer, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71475, subdivision (r).
- 53. Respondent failed to list in the application for each educational program offered the mode of instruction, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71475, subdivision (t)(5).
- 54. Respondent failed to list in the application for each educational program offered the graduation requirements, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71475, subdivision (t)(6).
- 55. Respondent did not document or provide evidence in the application that instruction is the central focus of the resources and services of the institution, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71715, subdivision (a).

- 56. Respondent did not document or provide evidence in the application that the instruction offered leads to the achievement of the learning objectives of each course, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71715, subdivision (b).
- 57. Respondent did not document or provide evidence in the application that respondent provides for meaningful interaction with faculty who are qualified to teach using distance education methods, within the meaning of section 94834 of the Code, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71715, subdivision (d)(4).
- 58. Respondent did not document or provide evidence in the application that respondent timely completes student evaluations of learning outcomes by duly qualified faculty, which are appropriate for use with the distance education methods used, and evaluated by duly qualified faculty, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71715, subdivision (d)(6).
  - 59. Complainant realleges paragraphs 16-44.

#### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

# (Failure to Meet Minimum Operating Standards—Description of Educational Programs)

- 60. Respondent's renewal application is subject to denial under Code sections 94885, subdivision (a), 94886, 94887, and 94891, subdivision (b), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71700 in that respondent failed to meet the legally required minimum operating standards, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 61–67 below.
- 61. Respondent failed to include in its application for each educational program that the institution offered or proposed to offer a description of the educational program, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71475, subdivision (u)(1).
- 62. Respondent failed to provide the bureau upon its request copies of the curriculum or syllabi containing the sequence and frequency of lessons or class sessions, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, sections 71475, subdivision (u)(7) and 71710, subdivision (a)(3)(D).
- 63. Respondent failed to provide the bureau upon its request copies of the curriculum or syllabi containing complete citations of textbooks and other required written materials, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, sections 71475, subdivision (u)(7) and 71710,

subdivision (a)(3)(E).

- 64. Respondent failed to provide the bureau upon its request copies of the curriculum or syllabi containing a sequential and detailed outline of subject matter to be a addressed or a list of skills to be learned and how those skills are to be measured, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, sections 71475, subdivision (u)(7) and 71710, subdivision (a)(3)(F).
- 65. Respondent failed to provide the bureau upon its request copies of the curriculum or syllabi containing the instructional mode or methods, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71475, subdivision (u)(7) and 71710, subdivision (a)(3)(G).
- 66. Respondent failed to document or provide evidence in the application that respondent's educational program comprised of a curriculum that included specific learning outcomes tied to the sequence of the presentation of the material to measure the students' learning of the material, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (a)(5).
- 67. Respondent failed to document or provide evidence in the application that respondent's educational program comprised of a curriculum that included evaluation by duly qualified faculty of the students' learning outcomes, in violation of California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71710, subdivision (a)(6).
  - 68. Complainant realleges paragraphs 16-44.

## FIFTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(Failure to Meet Minimum Operating Standards—School Catalog Disclosures)

- 69. Respondent's renewal application is subject to denial under Code sections 94885, subdivision (a), 94886, 94887, and 94891, subdivision (b), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 71700 in that respondent failed to meet the legally required minimum operating standards, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 70–71 below.
- 70. Respondent submitted in its application a school catalog for prospective students that included the address of a closed location instead of its current address, in violation of Code section 94909, subdivision (a)(1).
  - 71. Respondent's school catalog for prospectives students, as received by the bureau and





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# FINDINGS AND DECLARATION OF DEFAULT; ORDER OF REMAND (Gov. Code § 11520)

Case Name AGI Technology Inst	itute/Gopel	OAH Case Number 2025020003							
Name of Agency		Agency Case Number							
Bureau for Private Po	BPPE24-0174								
Agency Attorney Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner				Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner Attorney					
DAG Matthew A. King	J	AGI Technology Institute, Gopal Charturvedi, Owner		n/a					
FINDINGS									
Feb. 12, 2025 A Notice of Hearing dated was served on Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner on									
The Notice of Hearing was served on Respondent by first class mail, certified mail, and email at the physical and email address maintained by the agency as Respondent's address of record.									
The Notice of Hearing provided notice that a hearing would take place on (date) at (time) at (location):									
☐ SACRAMENTO 2349 GATEWAY ( SACRAMENTO, C Phone 916-263-05	CA 95833	E 200	OAKLAND	Y STREET, SUITE 206 ), CA 94612 )-622-2722 FAX 916-376-6323					
☐ LOS ANGELES 320 WEST FOURT LOS ANGELES, C Phone 213-576-72	A 90013	ITE 630	SAN DIEGO	D IT STREET, ROOM 3005 D, CA 92101 525-4475 FAX 916-376-6325					
OTHER LOCATION:									
The matter was called for hearing at the date, time and location set forth in the Notice of Hearing. Counsel for the Agency appeared for hearing. Service of the Notice of Hearing was proper.									
There was no appearance by or on behalf of Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner. At (time)a default was declared.									
Agency counsel has moved for remand of the matter for Agency action under Government Code section 11520.									
ORDER OF REMAND	)								
Based upon Respondent/Appellant/Petitioner's failure to appear at the hearing, the Agency's motion is granted. This matter is remanded to the Agency under Government Code section 11520.									
DATED:	ADMINISTRATIV	/E LAW JUDGE (Print):	ADMINISTRA	ATIVE LAW JUDGE (Signature):					
August 4, 2025	Deena R. G	• ,	·	Jena Chaly					
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