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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
10 **FOR THE BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

13 **CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF EARLY**
14 **CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**
15 1670 S. Amphlett Blvd., Suite 214-38
16 San Mateo, CA 94402

17 **Institution Code No. 4102781**

18 Respondent.

Case No. BPPE24-0258

OAH No. 2025020617

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

[Gov. Code, §11520]

19 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

20 1. On or about January 7, 2025, Complainant Deborah Cochrane (Complainant), in her
21 official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau),
22 Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Accusation No. BPPE24-0258 against California College
23 of Early Childhood Education (Respondent) before the Director of the Department of Consumer
24 Affairs. The Accusation was superseded by First Amended Accusation No. BPPE24-0258, filed
25 by Complainant on or about May 19, 2025. (First Amended Accusation No. BPPE24-0258 is
26 attached as Exhibit A.)

27 2. On or about July 17, 2002, the Bureau issued Approval to Operate Institution Code
28 Number 4102781 to Respondent. Respondent is owned by Ethel R. Alandy. The institution's
Approval to Operate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in

1 First Amended Accusation No. BPPE24-0258, expired on August 27, 2025 and has not been
2 renewed.

3 3. On or about January 8, 2025, Respondent was served with Accusation No. BPPE24-
4 0258.

5 4. On or about January 27, 2025, Respondent signed and returned a Notice of Defense,
6 requesting a hearing in this matter.

7 5. On March 3, 2025, a Notice of Remote Hearing was served by certified mail and first
8 class mail at Respondent's address of record, which was and is: 1670 S Amphlett Blvd., Suite
9 214, San Mateo, CA 94402. On March 3, 2025, a Notice of Remote Hearing was also served by
10 certified mail and first class mail to Respondent's owner, Ethel R. Alandy at an address she
11 provided in Respondent's Notice of Defense: 1600 E. 3rd Avenue, #2116, San Mateo, CA 94401.
12 On or about March 5, 2025, a Notice of Remote Hearing was also served via certified mail and
13 first class mail to an additional address Respondent provided to the Bureau, which is and was:
14 1670 S Amphlett Blvd., Suite 214-38, San Mateo, CA 94402. The Notice of Remote Hearing
15 informed Respondent that an administrative hearing in this matter was scheduled for September
16 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

17 6. On or about May 20, 2025, Respondent was served with First Amended Accusation
18 No. BPPE24-0258.

19 7. Service of the Accusation and First Amended Accusation were effective as a matter
20 of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505(c) and/or Business and
21 Professions Code section 124.

22 8. The matter was called for hearing at the date, time and location set forth in the Notice
23 of Remote Hearing. The assigned Administrative Law Judge found that the service of the Notice
24 of Remote Hearing on Respondent was proper. There was no appearance by or on behalf of
25 Respondent. A default was declared and on motion of counsel for Complainant, the matter was
26 remanded to the Bureau under Government Code section 11520.

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9. Government Code section 11506(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.

10. California Government Code section 11520(a) states, in pertinent part:

(a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense . . . or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent

11. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Director finds Respondent is in default. The Director will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter, finds that the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. BPPE24-0258, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

12. The Director finds that the actual costs for Investigation and Enforcement are \$10,553.25 as of September 4, 2025.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent has subjected its Institution Code No. 4102781 to discipline.

2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

3. The Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs is authorized to revoke Respondent's Approval to Operate based upon the following violations alleged in the First Amended Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case: Failure to Comply with Citation (Educ. Code § 94937, subd. (b) and Cal. Code Regs., title 5, § 75050, subd. (b).)

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Institution Code No. 4102781, issued to Respondent California College of Early Childhood Education, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on February 20, 2026.

It is so ORDERED January 16, 2026

"Original Signature on File"

RYAN MARCROFT
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Attachment:
Exhibit A: First Amended Accusation

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First Amended Accusation

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FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Deborah Cochrane (Complainant) brings this First Amended Accusation solely in her
21 official capacity as the Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, Department of
22 Consumer Affairs.

23 2. On or about July 17, 2002, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education issued
24 Approval to Operate Institution Code Number 4102781 to California College of Early Childhood
25 Education (Respondent). California College of Early Childhood Education is owned by Ethel R.
26 Alandy. The Institution Code was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges
27 brought herein and will expire on August 27, 2025, unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

3. This First Amended Accusation is brought before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Director) for the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau), under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Education Code unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 94875 states, in part:

“ The bureau shall regulate private postsecondary educational institutions through the powers granted, and duties imposed, by this chapter. . . .”

5. Section 94876 states, in part:

“(a) The powers and duties set forth in this chapter are vested in the Director of Consumer Affairs, who may delegate them to a bureau chief, subject to the provisions of this section. The bureau chief shall work in collaboration with the director. The director is responsible for the implementation of this chapter and he or she shall ensure that the protection of the public is the bureau's highest priority.

. . .

“(c) Each power granted to, or duty imposed upon, the bureau under this chapter shall be exercised and performed in the name of the bureau, subject to any conditions and limitations the director may prescribe. The bureau chief may delegate any powers or duties to a designee.

. . . .”

6. Section 94885, subdivision (a)(9) states:

“(a) The bureau shall adopt by regulation minimum operating standards for an institution that shall reasonably ensure that all of the following occur:

. . .

“(9) The institution is maintained and operated in compliance with this chapter and all other applicable ordinances and laws.”

7. Section 94932 states:

“The bureau shall determine an institution's compliance with the requirements of this chapter. The bureau shall have the power to require reports that institutions shall file with the

bureau in addition to the annual report, to send staff to an institution's sites, and to require documents and responses from an institution to monitor compliance. When the bureau has reason to believe that an institution may be out of compliance, it shall conduct an investigation of the institution. If the bureau determines, after completing a compliance inspection or investigation, that an institution has violated any applicable law or regulation, the bureau shall take appropriate action pursuant to this article.”

STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS

8. Section 94937, subdivision (b):

“(b) The bureau shall adopt regulations, within one year of the enactment of this chapter, governing probation and suspension of an approval to operate.”

9. California Code of Regulations, title 5, subdivision (b):

“(b) Failure of an applicant or institution issued an approval to operate to abate the violation or to pay the fine within the time allowed is a ground for denial or discipline of an approval to operate.”

COST RECOVERY

10. Section 94937, subdivision (a) states that the “[B]ureau may seek reimbursement pursuant to Section 125.3 of the Business and Professions Code.”

11. Business and Professions Code section 125.3 provides, in part, that the Bureau may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

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FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Citation Number 2324006

12. On or about July 17, 2023, the Bureau issued to Respondent Citation Number 2324006, which included an administrative fine and order of abatement. Respondent did not appeal the citation, and the citation is now final and incorporated by reference herein.

13. Respondent failed to timely comply with the citation, including payment of the administrative fine and order of abatement.

Citation Number 2324082

14. On or about September 29, 2023, the Bureau issued to Respondent Citation Number 2324082, which included an administrative fine and order of abatement. Respondent did not appeal the citation, and the citation is now final and incorporated by reference herein.

15. Respondent failed to timely comply with this citation's order of abatement.

Citation Number 23240302

16. On or about June 6, 2024, the Bureau issued to Respondent Citation Number 23240302, which included an administrative fine and order of abatement. Respondent did not appeal the citation, and the citation is now final and incorporated by reference herein.

17. Respondent failed to timely comply with the citation, including payment of the administrative fine and order of abatement.

Citation Number 24250155

18. On or about November 12, 2024, the Bureau issued to Respondent Citation Number 24250155, which included an administrative fine and order of abatement. Respondent did not appeal the citation, and the citation is now final and incorporated by reference herein.

19. Respondent failed to timely comply with the citation, including payment of the administrative fine and order of abatement.

Citation Number 24250235

20. On or about February 25, 2025, the Bureau issued to Respondent Citation Number 24250235, which included an administrative fine and order of abatement. Respondent did not appeal the citation, and the citation is now final and incorporated by reference herein.

21. Respondent failed to timely comply with the citation, including payment of the administrative fine and order of abatement.

Citation Number 24250283

22. On or about March 12, 2025, the Bureau issued to Respondent Citation Number 24250283, which included an administrative fine and order of abatement. Respondent did not appeal the citation, and the citation is now final and incorporated by reference herein.

23. Respondent failed to timely comply with the citation, including payment of the administrative fine and order of abatement.

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Comply with Citation)

24. Respondent subjected its Approval to Operate Institution Code Number 4102781 to discipline for failing to timely abate a cited violation or pay the fine set forth in a citation. (Educ. Code § 94937, subd. (b) and Cal. Code Regs., title 5, § 75050, subd. (b).) The circumstances are set forth in paragraphs 12 through 23, above.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Approval to Operate Institution Code Number 4102781, issued to California College of Early Childhood Education, owned by Ethel R. Alandy;

2. Ordering California College of Early Childhood Education to pay the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education for the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of

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1 this case, pursuant to Section 94937, subdivision (c) and Business and Professions Code Section
2 125.3; and

3 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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6 DATED: 5/19/2025

"Original Signature on File"

7 DEBORAH COCHRANE
8 Chief
9 Bureau for Private Postsecondary
10 Education
11 Department of Consumer Affairs
12 State of California
13 *Complainant*

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