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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 Citation Against:

13 **KNOWLEDGE INNOVATIONS**  
14 **ACADEMY**

14 3170 De La Cruz Blvd, Suite 107  
15 Santa Clara, CA 95054

16 **Institution Code No. 4307321**

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18 Respondent.

Case No. BPPE23-0564

Citation No. 2324031

**DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

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20 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

21 1. On or about August 2, 2023, Complainant Elizabeth Elias, in her official capacity as  
22 the Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education,  
23 Department of Consumer Affairs, filed Citation No. 2324031 against Knowledge Innovations  
24 Academy (Respondent) before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. (Citation  
25 attached as Exhibit A.)

26 2. On or about April 12, 2002, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau)  
27 issued Approval to Operate Institution Code No. 4307321 to Respondent. The Approval expired  
28 on February 6, 2023, and has not been renewed.

1           3.    On or about August 3, 2023, Respondent was served with Citation No. 2324031.

2           4.    On or about August 31, 2023, Respondent submitted an appeal, requesting a hearing  
3 in this matter.

4           5.    On, September 20, 2024, a Notice of Hearing was served by mail at Respondent's  
5 address of record which was and is: 3170 De La Cruz Blvd, Suite 107, Santa Clara, CA 95054.  
6 The Notice of Hearing informed them that an administrative hearing in this matter was scheduled  
7 for March 19, 2025.

8           6.    Service of the Citation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of  
9 Government Code section 11505(e) and/or Business and Professions Code section 124.

10          7.    The matter was called for hearing at the date, time and location set forth in the Notice  
11 of Hearing. The assigned Administrative Law Judge found that the service of the Notice of  
12 Hearing on Respondent was proper. There was no appearance by or on behalf of Respondent. A  
13 default was declared and on motion of counsel for Complainant, the matter was remanded to the  
14 Bureau under Government Code section 11520.

15          8.    Government Code section 11506(c) states, in pertinent part:

16               (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent  
17 files a notice of defense . . . and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all  
18 parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense  
19 . . . shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its  
20 discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.

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

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

26          10.   Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Director finds  
27 Respondent is in default. The Director will take action without further hearing and, based on the  
28 relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this matter,  
finds that the charges and allegations in Citation No. 2324031, are separately and severally, found  
to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

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1 **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

2 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Knowledge Innovations  
3 Academy has subjected its Approval to Operate Institution Code No. 4307321 to citation.

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

5 3. The Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs is authorized to issue a citation  
6 against Respondent's Approval to Operate Institution Code No. 4307321 based upon the  
7 following violations alleged in the Citation which are supported by the evidence contained in the  
8 Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:

9 a. California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 74110 - Annual Report in conjunction  
10 with California Education Code section 94934 - Annual Report.

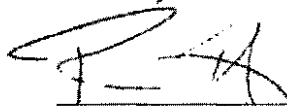
11 **ORDER**

12 IT IS SO ORDERED that Citation No. 2324031, issued to Respondent Knowledge  
13 Innovations Academy, is affirmed.

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

18 This Decision shall become effective on JUL 09 2025.

19 It is so ORDERED June 3, 2025

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21 RYAN MARCROFT  
22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
23 LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

24 DOJ Matter ID: OK2024900338  
25 Attachment:  
26 Exhibit A: Citation  
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# Exhibit A

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## AFFIRMED CITATION ORDER

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| <b>Citation Issued To:</b><br>Knowledge Innovations Academy<br>3170 De La Cruz Blvd, Suite 107<br>Santa Clara, CA, 95054<br><br><b>Institution Code:</b><br>4307321 | <b>Citation Number:</b><br>2324031      |
|   | <b>Total Fine Amount:</b><br>\$2,501.00 |
|   | <b>Order of Abatement Included:</b> Yes |

Elizabeth Elias issues this affirmed citation in her official capacity as Enforcement Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, California Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau").

### LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about February 6, 2018, the Bureau issued an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution to Knowledge Innovations Academy (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution"). This Approval to Operate expired on or about February 6, 2023, and has not been renewed. An application for renewal of the Institution's Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution was received on February 14, 2023.

### DISCIPLINE HISTORY

2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
  - Citation No. 2021074, issued September 2, 2020
    - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied September 30, 2020

### CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to the statutory provisions of California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 75020 et seq. for the violation(s) described below.

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#### CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about August 3, 2023, the Bureau issued Citation No. 2324031. On or about August 31, 2023, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on October 6, 2023. No new substantive facts were presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau affirms Citation No. 2324031.

#### CAUSE FOR CITATION & ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

5. The Institution is in violation of the following Bureau laws and regulations:

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| <b>Violation #1:</b>  |
| <b>5 CCR section 74110 – Annual Report in conjunction with CEC section 94934 – Annual Report</b>  |
| <b>Cause for Citation:</b> A review of the Bureau's records confirm the Institution failed to submit all components of the 2021 Annual Report which was due to the Bureau by December 1, 2022. To date, the Bureau has not received financial statements as required. Notices were sent to the Institution on or about the following dates: June 28, 2022, July 14, 2022, July 26, 2022, April 18, 2023, and June 16, 2023. |
| Additionally, the Bureau notified you that the portal submission of the Annual Report is in "Action Required" status and requires corrections that were due by June 29, 2023. To date, there has been no response.  |
| <b>Administrative Fine:</b> Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,501.00.  |
| <b>Order of Abatement:</b> Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:<br><br>The Bureau orders the Institution to submit all components of the 2021 Annual Report, pursuant to 5 CCR section 74110 and CEC section 94934.   |

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#### **COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT**

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75040, the Bureau issues the order(s) of abatement described above. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement must be submitted to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this affirmed citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may be sent by mail or email to:
  - Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education  
Attn: Discipline Unit – Giovanni Alon  
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225  
Sacramento, CA 95834
  - Email: [bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov](mailto:bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov)
    - In the subject line, please include the institution name and citation number.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE**

7. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR section 75020 et seq., the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$2,501.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this affirmed citation. To assist the Bureau in processing the payment of fines, please submit the enclosed *Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal* form.

Payment must be sent to the Bureau by mail at:

- Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education  
Attn: Discipline Unit – Giovanni Alon  
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225  
Sacramento, CA 95834

#### **NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS**

8. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75040(d), the affirmed decision is considered final, unless a request for a hearing was filed timely.

If the institution requested a hearing and no longer chooses to proceed with the hearing, the institution may request to withdraw the request for a

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hearing. If the Institution has not requested to withdraw the hearing, a hearing will be set to hear the matter.

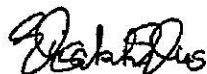
#### **COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE**

9. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, payment of fine and/or compliance with any order of abatement does not constitute an admission of the violation charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for the purposes of public disclosure.

Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, failure to comply with this citation order, its order of abatement, and/or administrative fine by the required due date is grounds for denial or discipline of an approval to operate. Where a citation is not contested and fine is not paid, the full amount of the assessed fine shall be added to the fee for renewal of the approval to operate. An approval to operate shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and fine. The Bureau may also enforce the administrative fine as if it were a money judgment pursuant to CEC section 94936.

#### **BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION**

10. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Giovani Alon, Citation Analyst by email at [Giovani.Alon@dca.ca.gov](mailto:Giovani.Alon@dca.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 574-7703.



Elizabeth Elias  
Enforcement Chief

10/12/2023

Citation Date of Issuance

#### **Enclosures:**

- Payment of Fine
- Withdrawal of Request for Administration Hearing
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail