BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOR THE BUREAU OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND SERVICES STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. A1 2020 126

13 REBALLING GENIUS, LLC 14 DBA PS3 SPECIALIST

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TECH GENIUS REPAIRS 4467 Mission Blvd. Suite B

Montclair, CA 91763

6172 Taylor Canyon Place Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

Electronic Repair Registration No. E-90754

Respondent.

DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

[Gov. Code, §11520]

FINDINGS OF FACT

On or about January 30, 2024, Complainant Justin Paddock, in his official capacity as 1. the Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Household Goods and Services, Department of Consumer Affairs (Bureau), filed Accusation No. A1 2020 126 against Reballing Genius, LLC dba Tech

Genius Repairs with Khaled Ibrahim as its principal (Respondent) before the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. (Accusation attached as Exhibit A.)

- 2. On or about January 8, 2016, the Bureau issued Electronic Service Dealer Registration Number E-90754 to Respondent. A Citation hold was placed on October 31, 2016. The license was renewed on January 31, 2017 and expired on January 31, 2018. A Citation hold was placed on February 15, 2018. On May 9, 2018, the Secretary of State suspended Respondent's status as a California Limited Liability Company. On February 1, 2019, the Franchise Tax Board suspended Respondent's status. The license was renewed on March 20, 2023. The Citation hold was removed on May 4, 2023, and the license was invalidly renewed as of that date. The registration was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein, except as described above, and expired on January 31, 2024. The registration is currently delinquent. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 118(b), the lapse in licensure does not deprive the Bureau of its authority to institute or continue this disciplinary proceeding.
- 3. On or about February 1, 2024, Respondent was served by Certified and First Class Mail copies of the Accusation No. A1 2020 126, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Discovery Statutes (Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7) at Respondent's address of record which, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 136, is required to be reported and maintained with the Bureau. Respondent's address of record was and is: 4467 Mission Blvd. Suite B, Montclair, CA 91763. Respondent also uses the following address for business: 6172 Taylor Canyon Place, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739.
- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505(c) and/or Business and Professions Code section 124.
 Moreover, service was confirmed by return of the Domestic Return Receipts for service at each of the addresses set forth above in paragraph 3.
 - 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.

- 6. The Bureau takes official notice of its records and the fact that Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service of the Accusation, and therefore waived their right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. A1 2020 126.
 - 7. 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....
- 8. 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 Accusation No. A1 2020 126, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Reballing Genius, LLC dba Tech
 Genius Repairs with Khaled Ibrahim as its principal has subjected its Electronic Repair
 Registration No. E-90754 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 Electronic Repair Registration based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Investigatory Evidence Packet in this case:
- a. Invalid Registration Respondent failed to notify the Bureau that the California Secretary of State and Franchise Tax Board suspended its status so that it could not engage in the licensed activity in the state of California (Business and Professions Code §§ 9833 and 9841(a)(5)).

- b. False Statements On and after May 9, 2018, Respondent falsely represented that the business was duly licensed and registered to induce customers to authorize the repair of equipment for compensation. (Business and Professions Code §9841(a)(1) and (2)).
- c. License Secured by Fraud Respondent fraudulently sought renewal of its registration with the Bureau, while its business license was suspended with the California Secretary of State and Franchise Tax Board. (Business and Professions Code §498).
- d. Conduct and Acts Constituting Fraud or Dishonest Dealing Between

 December 2019 and August 2023, Respondent fraudulently held itself out as an electronics service dealer conducting business under the name of "Tech Genius Repairs" doing business in Pomona, California and "PS3 Specialist, Computer and Game Consoles Repair" doing business in Rancho Cucamonga, California for the purpose of inducing prospective customers to provide their equipment to him for electronic repair services. Once the customers provided their electronics to Respondent for repair, Respondent retained the electronics and retained payments from consumers exceeding \$1,727.00. Respondent failed to return the consumer electronics to consumers notwithstanding their requests. (Business and Professions Code §9841(a)(2) and 9855.7(a)).
- e. Prohibited Acting without Registration Between January 31, 2018 and March 20, 2023, Respondent conducted business without a valid and unexpired Registration. (Business and Professions Code §§9840 and 9830).
- f. Failure to comply with the Electronic and Appliance Repair Dealer Registration Law Between December 2019 and August 2023, Respondent failed to comply with the provisions of the Electronic and Appliance Repair Dealer Registration Law where he failed to comply with the California Code of Regulations Sections, 2720, 2721(failure to provide a claim check to the Customer), 2722, 2723 (failure to provide a written estimate to the customer), 2723.5 and 2725 (failure to provide invoice to consumer). (Business and Professions Code section § 9842)
- g. As discipline considerations, the Bureau alleged prior citations issued against Respondent as follows:

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1	seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may
2	vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.
3	This Decision shall become effective onUNE 6, 9024.
4	It is so ORDERED May 6, 2024
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7	FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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12	Attachment: Exhibit A: Accusation
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