



GOVERNED AGENTIC AI / DECISION AUTHORITY

# Five places an agent must stop.

Autonomy can prepare, analyse and recommend. Accountable people retain control over scope, trusted evidence, commercial commitments, external action and production release.

**Evidence boundary:** this is a practical first-party control model used to explain AI Venture X's approach. It is not an independent audit, client case study or claim of universal compliance.

| DECISION GATE                                                                                  | INTERFACE SIGNAL                                                                                           | EVIDENCE RECORD                                                                           | RECOVERY PATH                                                                                       |
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| <div>01</div> <b>Accept scope</b><br>Define the job and the authority granted.                 | The objective, permitted tools, data sources, limits and accountable owner are visible before work starts. | Scope snapshot, authority owner, expiry and the exact permissions active for this run.    | Stop and return for re-scoping when the goal, data or required permission changes.                  |
| <div>02</div> <b>Trust sources</b><br>Decide whether the evidence is sufficient.               | Sources, dates, conflicts, gaps and confidence are shown before a conclusion is treated as decision-ready. | Citations, retrieval times, provenance, unresolved contradictions and reviewer judgement. | Quarantine the claim, research again or escalate uncertainty instead of silently filling the gap.   |
| <div>03</div> <b>Commit money or terms</b><br>Reserve commercial authority for people.         | The exact price, terms, counterparty and proposed commitment appear in one approval view.                  | Immutable proposal, named approver, decision, timestamp, expiry and material assumptions. | An expired or changed proposal returns for fresh approval; authority never carries over implicitly. |
| <div>04</div> <b>Contact or publish</b><br>Control every external representation.              | The exact message, destination, identity, attachment and timing are visible before release.                | Approved payload and recipient plus the provider's sent, posted or submitted receipt.     | When the outcome is ambiguous, reconcile provider state before retrying to avoid duplicates.        |
| <div>05</div> <b>Release to production</b><br>Make the live change reversible and inspectable. | Validated change, affected surface, rollback and expected behaviour are presented together.                | Approved checksum, test results, release identifier and verification of the live state.   | Halt or roll back on drift or failed validation, then diagnose before another release.              |

**Bounded autonomy**

Routine preparation continues without granting hidden authority.

**Fewer, better approvals**

People decide at material boundaries rather than every intermediate step.

**Context survives**

Sources, assumptions and authority travel with the work over time.

**Recovery is designed**

Unknown outcomes trigger reconciliation, not blind repetition.

**Inspectable foundations**

The public guide explains the operating principles. The GitHub reference demonstrates exact-action approval, expiry, revocation, hand-offs and lost-response recovery with a simulated agent and mock CRM.

[Controlled workflow guide ↗](#)

[Public engineering reference ↗](#)

**What this map does not prove**

It makes the control model inspectable. It does not establish a client outcome, staffing reduction, quantified saving, production reliability or independent assurance result.