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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

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PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

AT ABOUT 9:00 A.M.

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G. MENNEN WILLIAMS BUILDING AUDITORIUM

525 W. OTTAWA STREET

LANSING, MICHIGAN

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RE: Behavior Analysts - General Rules  
(MOAHR #2020-112 LR)

Physical Therapy - General Rules  
(MOAHR #2020-111 LR)

PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANTS - General Rules  
(MOAHR #2020-116 LR)

PSYCHOLOGY - GENERAL RULES  
(MOAHR #2020-127 LR)

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HEARING FACILITATOR:

WESTON MacINTOSH  
Bureau of Professional Licensing  
611 W. Ottawa Street  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

ALSO PRESENT: Kimmy Catlin

REPORTED BY: Lori Anne Penn, CSR-1315

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1 as well as the *Michigan Register*, Issue #15, published on  
2 September 1, 2021.

3 We are here today to receive your  
4 comments on the proposed rules. If you wish to speak,  
5 please make sure you have signed in and said that you  
6 wish to speak. You may use the cards provided in the  
7 lobby for this purpose. I will organize the cards by  
8 rule set so that the comments for that profession are in  
9 a group together in the transcript. If you would like to  
10 testify and have not signed in, please do so now. For  
11 those of you who do not wish to sign in with a card, you  
12 may speak at the microphone once we have exhausted the  
13 stack of cards that you give to me.

14 If you have comments, please make sure  
15 that they relate directly to the proposed rules. If you  
16 have questions about the rules, please include your  
17 questions as part of your testimony for the Department's  
18 review. If you have suggested changes to the proposed  
19 rules, please include the specific reasons why the  
20 changes would be in the public interest.

21 For the record, when you testify, please  
22 give us your name by spelling your name and the  
23 organization, if any, that you may be speaking for today.  
24 This will help the Department prepare the hearing record  
25 that will go before the Boards. You can give written

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1 statements directly to me at the table. The Department  
2 will also accept written statements e-mailed or  
3 postmarked until 5:00 o'clock p.m. today.

4 The Department staff from the Bureau of  
5 Professional Licensing includes Kimmy Catlin and myself.

6 The first rule set that we will take  
7 comments for are Behavior Analysts - General Rules. Is  
8 there anyone who would like to speak on the Behavior  
9 Analysts - General Rules? (No response.)

10 The second set that we will take comments  
11 for are the Physical Therapy - General Rules. Is there  
12 anyone who would like to speak on the Physical Therapy -  
13 General Rules?

14 MIKE PERKINS: I would.

15 MR. MacINTOSH: Yep, come on. And if you  
16 could state and spell your name.

17 MIKE PERKINS: Certainly. Good morning.  
18 My name is Mike Perkins, P-e-r-k-i-n-s. I've never been  
19 to one of these hearings before, so maybe (inaudible) --

20 COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, sir. So  
21 maybe?

22 MIKE PERKINS: What's that?

23 COURT REPORTER: I didn't understand what  
24 you said. So maybe?

25 MIKE PERKINS: So I've never been to a  
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1 hearing before, so I'm not as maybe prepared legislative,  
2 however, I do come with comments about the memo that was  
3 put out in December of 2019 between MATS and the MPTA,  
4 which basically has affected the athletic training  
5 profession in the State of Michigan with regards to  
6 working in the physical therapy setting. Directly  
7 related under the direct supervision of a license or an  
8 unlicensed individual, based off of that memo, it was  
9 placed that now in a physical therapy setting, an  
10 athletic trainer is deemed unlicensed and is therefore  
11 basically looked as a glorified tech, which I take  
12 offense to after 23 years of a profession of successfully  
13 running a therapy clinic. Now the ax has fell on me and  
14 my profession has allowed me to not work in the physical  
15 therapy setting, no longer am I working because my  
16 employer is scared as what would be interpreted for an  
17 athletic trainer to treat patients. As much as I've done  
18 it for the last 23, me, as well as other athletic  
19 trainers in the clinics, have lost their jobs and thus  
20 are forced to find something else when really all we want  
21 to do is continue to help patients successfully in the  
22 clinic, in the outpatient clinical setting  
23 orthopedically. And I wanted to arrive today to at least  
24 present my comments with regards to that; and if there  
25 was a way that the legislature and wording could be

1 changed so that the bulk of my profession can continue to  
2 do what we love to do, that is really what I'm here for.

3 MR. MacINTOSH: Thank you for your  
4 comments.

5 MIKE PERKINS: Thank you.

6 MR. MacINTOSH: Are there any other  
7 comments on the Physical Therapy - General Rules?

8 Hearing none.

9 Are there any comments on the Physician's  
10 Assistants - General Rules?

11 And hearing none.

12 Are there any comments on the Psychology  
13 - General Rules? (No response.)

14 If there are no other people who wish to  
15 speak at this time, we will take a short recess.

16 (At 9:06 a.m., there was a 15-minute recess.)

17 MR. MacINTOSH: If there are no further  
18 comments at this time, I hereby declare the hearing  
19 closed. The record will remain open until today at 5:00  
20 o'clock p.m. for any other comments you may wish to share  
21 about the proposed rules.

22 Thank you for coming.

23 (At 9:21 a.m., the public hearing concluded.)

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1 STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
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2 COUNTY OF MACOMB )

3 I, Lori Anne Penn, certify that this  
4 transcript consisting of 8 pages is a complete, true, and  
5 correct record of the proceedings held in the captioned  
6 matters on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

7 I further certify that I am not  
8 responsible for any copies of this transcript not made  
9 under my direction or control and bearing my original  
10 signature.

11 I also certify that I am not a relative  
12 or employee of or an attorney for a party; or a relative  
13 or employee of an attorney for a party; or financially  
14 interested in the action.

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17 September 13, 2021  
Date

*Lori Anne Penn*  
Lori Anne Penn, CSR-1315  
Notary Public, Macomb County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires June 15, 2025

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