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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PSYCHOLOGISTS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I strongly oppose allowing TSBEP to eliminate the oral exam. I am also strongly opposed to eliminating the postdoctoral year of training required for licensure as a psychologist.

First, as an early career psychologist the process of licensure and postdoctoral training is fresh in my mind and both aspects served as formative processes in my development. I personally feel that the oral examination was not a barrier to becoming a licensed psychologist and being able to provide services to an underserved population. Additionally, my postdoctoral training (two years for neuropsychology) aided in my development as a practitioner and without this opportunity I would likely be deficient in necessary clinical skills. The postdoctoral training year is well accepted in medical fields, and removal of this requirement would likely hinder advancement of the field of psychology and could potentially lead to continued discrepancy between psychology vs. medical insurance reimbursement .

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: See above.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree