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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I do not agree that a mental health board should be a staff or a public members responsibility. The mental health boards are responsible for complicated life and death issues. I understand that most of the public can recognize mental health issues but the treatment of those mental health issues takes hours of education and years of training and years of supervision. The reason we utilize supervision in the mental health profession is for that reason: it is a relationship dynamic unlike any other.

Only professionals should make final decisions not staff and not public members.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I support and agree with the TCA recommendations for the Professional Counselors. Professionals and not staff should be the ones making decisions that effect the complicated world of boundaries violations, relational violations, sexual violations, mental abuses and the powerful therapeutic relationship. Dedicated and hard working professionals can police their own license. Would be wonderful to reduce the layers of bureaucratic managers so the funds allocated to the mental health boards could be used for the benefit of the 22,000 plus LPC"s and the many other mental health licenses.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree