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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am writing to oppose recommendation 3.2, which would transfer to State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors to an advisory committee of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Professional Counseling is a health profession, and the welfare of the public requires that licensees be held to the highest standards of training and professional conduct. The current board of examiners includes members of profession, who have a unique ability to contribute to the oversight of licensed professional counselors. This role could not be adequately filled by a committee, however well-intentioned, whose members did not have this professional training and experience. The welfare of the public would be at risk, and the integrity of the counseling profession weakened, if this recommendation were followed.
Thank you for your time and attention.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors should continue as an independent entity.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree