From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: Thank you for taking public comments and input. As a Licensed Master Social Worker in the state of Texas, I support the creation of the Behavioral Heath Executive Council (BHEC) through the transformation of the psychology board. This council's membership ought to follow recommendations set by the the last Sunset Review, with 9 total voting members: one professional and one public member appointed by each board and the presiding officer be a public member appointed by the Governor. Each of the four behavioral health boards, while maintaining its own independence under the BHEC, would have full rule-making authority over scope of practice, qualifications and training. As it is, the TSBSWE is not operating efficiently or effectively under HHSC.

There are license renewal and processing issues that can be drastically improve with increased funding to each board that would exist under the BHEC.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: As stated above, rather than the current recommendation for council membership, I believe the BHEC should be made up of nine voting members – one public and one professional from each of the four boards, with a final public member appointed by the Governor.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree