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

I am writing to voice my personal opposition to combining the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveyors (TBPLS) with the Texas Board of Professional Engineers. As a life-long land surveyor and a Registered Professional Land Surveyor for over 25 years, I have seen many instances where the TBPLS has invisibly protected the public interests in real property by implementing and applying regulations as needed upon land surveyors of Texas. Texas is legendary for its great history of private land rights, and the protector of these rights is first and foremost the Texas Land Surveyor.

I am an active member of the Surveyors Historical Society, an international organization which meets annually to learn about historical surveys and surveyors, such as Mason & Dixon, Andrew Ellicott, George Washington, etc... The more I learn about how non-Texan surveying differs from the rest of the United States and the world, the more I appreciate the value of the Texian pioneers who firmly believed that strong regulation of the land surveying was key to the protection and value of land. The Mexican surveying rules of 1829 imposed on the colonial surveyors by Juan Padilla at San Felipe de Austin are amazingly detailed and strict.

In summary, I would like plea for understanding that land surveyors have a very unique and important expertise which needs to be regulated by surveyors.

We work closely with engineers, but mostly as a business client relationship and more often than not, they do not understand the difference between a quality survey and one that was done in haste and haphazardly. Please consider this in any consolidation or reconfiguration of the TBPLS. Our regulation needs to be controlled by a panel of mostly surveyors, not engineers or other non-surveyor public members.

Thank you for considering my opinion, Henry Mayo, RPLS

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe that I could be comfortable with an 'umbrella' licensing board system, which would share several paid staff members, but have separate boards of appointed members who have the unique knowledge needed to regulate their particular profession.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree