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To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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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:

As a practicing counselor and board approved supervisor, I strongly disagree with the board summary statement related to average wait times related to processing applications. As a supervisor, I have had multiple supervisees wait anywhere from 4-6 months to have their licenses processed. Based on the amount of money the licensure board for professional counselors takes in for the state, I believe it is ridiculous that our government cannot fund the board in a way to make sure there is not a staff shortage. The lack of funding and staff shortage not only impact potential licensees by not allowing them to pursuing employment opportunities, but also impacts the general public because there is already an overall shortage of mental health professionals in the state.

Similarly, I disagree with the proposal to have the board consist of one public member appointed by each of the four boards and an independent officer appointment by the governor. It is my understanding that a "public member" is someone who may or may not have knowledge of the profession they are supposedly representing. Therefore, I don't understand how the board would "retain responsibility for guiding all matters related to their profession" when there may be no one on the board who even understand the profession.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I recommend the boards be made up of one professional member and one public member appointed by each of the four boards and a presiding officer appointed by the governor.

I also recommend increased funding for the board so as to ensure this back log and staff shortage does not ever happen again.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree