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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PSYCHOLOGISTS

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

I would like to express my strong support for the Sunset Commission recommendation that considers the Oral Examination as an unnecessary requirement for licensure.

First, there are very few State Psychology Boards in the nation that still require the oral exam, as it represents a clearly outdated procedure to become licensed. The field of psychology, as whole, has clearly moved away from requiring an oral exam.

Second, by the time candidates for licensure sit for the oral exam, they have already accrued .thousands of hours of face to face clinical supervision by licensed psychologists and their performance has been thoroughly evaluated. The very same scenarios and skills that the oral exam pertains to replicate in a highly artificial way have already been observed and evaluated in real-life clinical settings. Therefore, the oral exam clearly represents and unnecessary burden that limits access to the profession.

Again, I think the Oral Exam is clearly unnecessary. I support the Sunset Commission recommendation of discontinuing such practice.

Sincerely Yours,
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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I think the Oral Exam is clearly unnecessary. I support the Sunset Commission recommendation of discontinuing such practice.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree