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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: The incensing board is essentially inoperable at this point. LPC rules offer a timeline for a license to be approved or denied and the board is well beyond that range. LPCs and LPC-Interns spend thousands of dollars on school, exams, and licensing fees but struggle to find employment and make ends meet as there are excessive wait times for approvals, appeals, and discrepancies. I would support being more lenient on the things that don't matter (i.e. the wrong address or wording on a document), and place focus on hours accumulated and supervision logs.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: LPC, LCSW and LMFT all follow the same guidelines and rules. This will streamline the process and be more accessible to out-of-state moves.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree