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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Professional licensing agencies should lie within the jurisdiction of the professions they are licensing. Having an independent, non-professional licensing agency license professional social worker, psychologists, licensed counseling professionals, etc. is just as non-practical, non-qualified as having social workers license certified public accountants, farmers licensing physicians, carpenters licensing plumbers, etc. It just does not any professional, ethical sense. John H. Stokes, PhD, LtCol USAF (Ret), ACSW, BCCSW, LMSW-ACP

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Break the State of Texas into the Northeast, Northwest, Southeastern, Southwestern, and Central districts and then assign the members of the state/national profession into a district according to their place of residence/practice. They have the professional members from each district elect one representative to serve on the State Licensing Board.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree