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Good Afternoon,

I would like to comment on the proposed changes to the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners. I support the creation of the BHEC through the transformation of the psychology board. I oppose the classification of the professional appointees on the BHEC as ex officio members. Each board must remain independent under the BHEC.. the Social Work Board of Examiners helps keep the professionalism of the field and each licensee. If TSBSWE lost independence under the BHEC it would also lose it's self governance. The TSBSW must have more money to operate effectively. There at over 25,000 licensed social workers in the state of Texas.

## New recommendations:

The BHEC should be made up of nine voting members- one public and one professional from each of the four boards with a final public member appointed by the Governor. Each of the four behavioral health boards would have full rule-making authority over scope of practice, qualifications and training.

I hope you take this into consideration. Thank you for your time.

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