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

As a Registered Professional Land Surveyor practicing in the State of Texas, I believe strongly that a board made up of Professional Surveyors and public members is the best means of regulating the profession of land surveying to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of Texas.

However, I understand that the past performance of the Board has put the Board in this position. The failure on their part to provide timely review and regulation of the profession has also failed the citizens of Texas and the profession which they are charged with regulating. However, Land Surveying is a distinct profession and Texas has a unique and complicated framework of land title and tenure. Protecting real estate holdings, the bedrock of our state's economy and many of our citizen's most important investment, requires a regulatory board made up of subject matter experts and public members.

The areas of concern listed in the Sunset Staff Report can and should be addressed within TBPLS. The proposal to combine the TBPLS with the TBPE is not without merit however both of these professions require diligent and expert regulation that a combined board can't provide. Therefore I oppose the suggestion of combining boards and instead offer the following alternative.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

A probationary period of one year is recommended to see if the Board can address the concerns of the Sunset Staff Report and, at that point, if they have not succeeded the only recourse would be to combine the two Boards.

Regardless of the status of the Board, disciplinary review should go to a separate sub committee created from 9 RPLS/LSLS selected at large from the professionals with current licenses to practice surveying. At least 1 member will be an LSLS. Terms will be one year. Complaints will be responded to within 30 days of receipt with responses being due within 90 days of receipt.

Should the boards be combined, some tasks should be separated such as review and acceptance of licensing candidates and test content.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree