

Sunset Review Update: Consolidation Report Published

At a decision hearing on August 22, 2016, the Sunset Commission **postponed consideration of the recommendation to continue the Executive Council, PT Board, and OT Board** for 12 years pending Sunset staff's evaluation of whether to consolidate certain health licensing entities.

The Sunset staff has released its Health Licensing Consolidation Project report, which **includes the recommendation to consolidate a number of boards, including the PT Board and the OT Board, under the Health Professions division of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), and to reconstitute the boards as advisory boards.**

The report may be accessed from the following link:

https://www.sunset.texas.gov/public/uploads/files/reports/Health%20Licensing%20Consolidation%20Project_11-15-2016.pdf.

Public Comment:

Public comment on the report may be submitted by visiting the link below and selecting "Health Licensing Consolidation Project": <https://www.sunset.texas.gov/input-form>.

Please note that **public comments submitted by November 29, 2016 will be included in the packets of the Sunset Commission members on the day of the hearing.**

Comments submitted after November 29 are not guaranteed to be in the members' packets, but the comments will be provided to the members. Sunset staff posts comments to a report until the fourth day after the hearing (which will be in December).

Meeting Information:

The Commission will **take public testimony in December and vote on any proposals at its January decision meeting.**

Meeting dates have been tentatively scheduled for December 8 to 9, 2016 and January 11, 2017. For further meeting information and to confirm meeting dates, visit <https://www.sunset.texas.gov/meetings>.

For further information about the Sunset process, visit the Commission's website at <https://www.sunset.texas.gov>.

Please note that any law changes or Practice Act changes as a result of the Sunset Process, including legislation regarding a possible consolidation, would not occur until the 2017 legislative session.