

**Development of
an Alternative
National
Psychology Licensure
Exam**

TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- **What brought us here?**
- **What is our goal?**
- **How will we get there?**

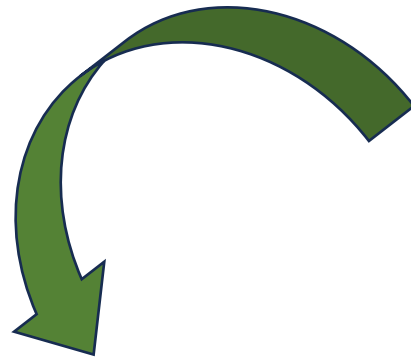


What brought us here?

CONCERNS WITH THE
EPPP PART 2 SKILLS EXAM



DEBATE OVER TEST FORMAT
AND PASSAGE RESULTS



RECOGNITION THAT THE EPPP
WEEDS OUT MANY POTENTIAL
PSYCHOLOGISTS

EPPP passage rates

	EPPP1 (N=11,590)*			EPPP2 (N=309)		
Graduation Program	1st Attempt	1st_2nd Attempts	1st_2nd_3rd Attempts	1st Attempt	1st_2nd Attempts	1st_2nd_3rd Attempts
Accredited	73%	80%	83%	69%	80%	84%
Non-Accredited	64%	71%	74%	41%	50%	59%

**data provided by ASPPB as of April 2024*

Our conclusion:

One test does not fit all.

All people

All situations

All regulatory needs





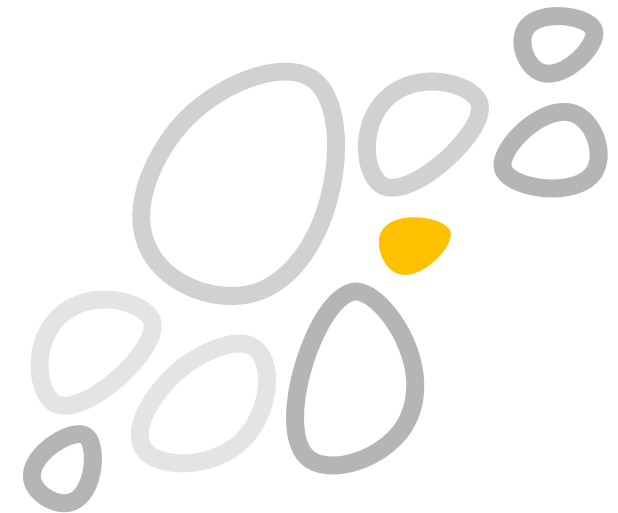
What is our goal?

To explore the development of an alternative exam pathway to licensure.

To design a psychology licensure exam responsive to the diverse needs of state regulators.

To enhance the ability to bring competent mental health providers into the workforce.

How will we get there?



Designing a new exam

Standard questions to answer:

- What knowledge and competencies establish readiness for entry to practice?
- How do we ensure the validity of the questions and overall outcome measurement?

Additional opportunities if starting fresh:

- What test format, length, and design are optimal?
- Have there been advances in psychometrics/testing?
- What populations are we serving? Is there value in accounting for different populations?

Gathering stakeholder input

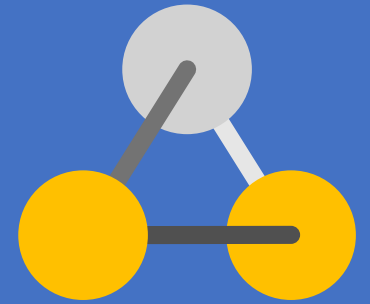
- Open Survey
 - Broad questions of psychology community
- Presentations to fellow boards
 - Open invitation to participate
- Advisory Workgroups
 - Assessment Goals
 - Format and Administration
 - Regulations and Approval



Technical advisory committee

Expertise in psychometrics and exam development

- Can this be accomplished?
- What would it require?
- Are there any trade offs?
- Will it lead to an effective measure?



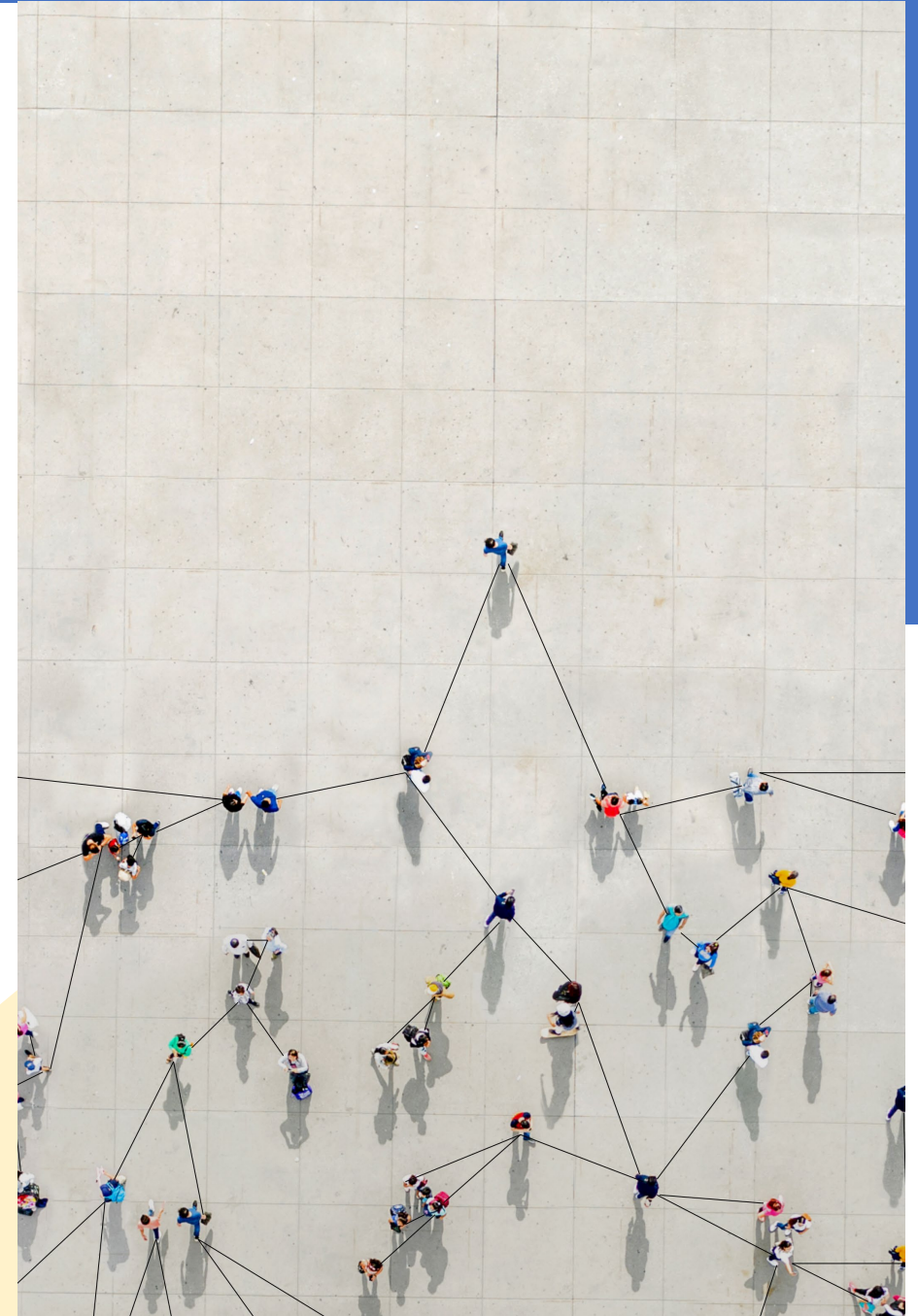


General timeline

Milestone	Est. Date
Survey responses	Nov 2025
Advisory Working Groups	Dec 2025 – Feb 2026
Technical Advisory Committee	Jan – Mar 2026
Draft Exam Parameters	Apr – May 2026
Texas Board and Council approval	June 2026
Legislative Appropriation Request	Sept 2026

Our commitments

- ✓ Texas **will continue** to require passage of a licensure exam to become a psychologist.
- ✓ The EPPP **will continue** to be a recognized licensure exam in Texas.
- ✓ Texas **will remain engaged** in PSYPACT and licensure mobility.
- ✓ Texas remains **open to reciprocity** agreements with any and all jurisdictions.



Thank
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