

Basis for Closing
National Science Board Meetings on May 2 – 4, 2012

On April 23, 2012 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the meeting of the of the CPP Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF) (May 2), the Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP) (May 2), the Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB) (May 3), the meeting of the Committee on Audit and Oversight (A&O) (May 3) as well as portions of meetings of the Board (May 4). Board Members Drs. Bowen, Droegemeier, Griffiths, Souvaine, and Suresh participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee.

The Board Members will attend closed meetings unless they have a conflict concerning an item under discussion. Certain National Science Board Office staff and NSF staff will attend the closed meetings at the discretion of the committee and Board chairmen. The justification for closing particular portions of the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

C E R T I F I C A T E

It is my opinion that portions of the meetings of the National Science Board (NSB) and its subdivisions scheduled for May 2012 identified below may properly be closed.

Plenary Board Executive Closed meeting—Chairman’s remarks, approval of closed meeting minutes, consideration of board member proposals, election of NSB Chairman and Vice Chairman, discussion of NSF personnel, discussion of Strategic Alignment of Budget and Functions; Plenary Board Closed meeting—Chairman’s remarks, approval of closed meeting minutes, closed committee meeting reports; SCF—Chairman remarks, approval of closed committee minutes, annual portfolio review of specified facilities; CPP—Chairman remarks, approval of closed committee minutes, discussion of Advanced Laser Interferometer Gravity Wave Observatory (LIGO); CSB—Chairman remarks, approval of closed committee minutes, discussion of future fiscal year budgetary policies, planning and processes; and AO—Chairman remarks, approval of closed committee minutes, consideration of procurement activities.

The portions of meetings discussing the review of the approval process for Board member proposals and the election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(6); those portions dealing with specific staffing or personnel issues or actions may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2) and (6); those portions having to do with proposed budgets for a particular fiscal year may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. 1863(k); those portions having to do with proposals and awards for specific grants, contracts, or other arrangements may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (4), (6), and (9)(B); and those portions dealing with current procurement activities may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (3), (4) and (9)(B).

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