

Basis for Closing
National Science Board Meetings on December 12 -14, 2011

On December 5, 2011, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the meeting of the Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP) (December 12), the meeting of the CPP Subcommittee on Facilities (December 13), the Committee on Strategy and Budget (December 13), the meeting of the Committee on Audit and Oversight (December 13) as well as the meetings of the Board (December 14). Board Members Drs. Bowen, Droegemeier, Griffiths, Souvaine, and Suresh participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee.

The Board Members, National Science Board Office staff, and selected NSF staff will attend the closed meetings. 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 December 2011 identified below may properly be closed. Plenary Board meeting—Chairman remarks, approval of closed meeting minutes, discussion of site for off-site 2012 Board meeting, approval of Honorary Award recommendations, discussion of awards and agreements, approval of closed committee reports; CPP—Chairman remarks, approval of closed committee minutes, discussion of award; SCF—Chairman remarks, approval of closed committee minutes; CSB—Chairman remarks, approval of closed committee minutes, discussion of FY2102-2014 budget matters; and AO—Chairman remarks, approval of closed committee minutes, discussion of contracting activities.

The portions of meetings discussing specific honorary awards 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 having to do with specific Office of the Inspector General investigations and enforcement actions may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(5), (7) and (10).

[signed]

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Basis for Closing
National Science Board Committee Meeting on December 13, 2011

On December 9, 2011, all members of the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to add an additional item to the closed portion of the December 13 meeting of the Committee on Audit and Oversight. Board Members Drs. Bowen, Droegemeier, Griffiths, Souvaine, and Suresh participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee.

The Board Members, National Science Board Office staff, and selected staff of the Office of the Inspector General will attend this portion of the closed meeting. The justification for closing this portion 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 the additional portion of the meeting of the Committee on Audit and Oversight of the National Science Board may properly be closed. The added item is an interim briefing of an ongoing OIG investigation regarding the process for reviewing Board Member proposals. No earlier announcement of this change was possible.

The portion of a meeting discussing 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); and those portions having to do with specific Office of the Inspector General investigations and enforcement actions may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(5), (7) and (10).

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