

**Counsel Certification**  
**Closure Vote Notice**  
**National Science Board Meetings on February 3-4, 2015**

On Friday, January 23, 2015, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the February 2015 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members Drs. Córdova, Arvizu, Droegemeier, Lineberger and Sargent participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted “yes” to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

For the closed meetings of the Board and its subdivisions, the NSF Deputy Director, Assistant Directors, senior O/D staff members, Office Heads including O/D Office Heads, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, the applicable Executive Secretary and NSBO staff may attend in addition to the Board members. For the CPP closed meeting (involving a proposed award) the applicable Deputy Assistant Director, Division Director, and Program Officer may also attend. For the A&O closed meeting, staff preparing the presentation or who are needed to answer questions may also attend. For the CSB closed meeting (involving future budgets), the NSF CFO, the heads of the Budget Office and of OLPA and applicable senior staff from those offices may also attend. For the executive closed meeting of the Board, only the NSF Deputy Director, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, and Executive Secretary may attend. The Board Chair or Committee Chair may allow other necessary or appropriate attendees or restrict attendance further.

## C E R T I F I C A T E

It is my opinion that the discussions in the following meetings of the National Science Board and its subdivisions may properly be closed for the reasons given.

1. SCF meeting to be held February 3, 2015. Chairman's remarks and approval of the November 2014 meeting minutes -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B). Discussion of the Annual Portfolio Review (APR) -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B).
2. CPP meeting to be held February 3, 2015. Chairman's remarks and approval of closed minutes for the November 2014 meeting to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B). Discussion of the following items: Regional Class Research Vessels (RCRV) and the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (NHMFL) -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B).
3. CSB meeting to be held February 3, 2015. Committee chairman's remarks and approval of closed minutes for the November 2014 meeting -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (9)(B), and 42 USC § 1863 (k). Discussion of Performance Improvement Officer Report on FY 2017 strategic issues -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (9)(B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).
4. A&O meeting to be held February 4, 2015. Chairman's remarks and approval of the closed minutes of the November 2014 meeting and December 2014 teleconference -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B); discussion of NSF relocation update -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and (9) (B), and 42 USC § 1863 (k); and discussion of the scope of work for proposed external review of issues pertaining to cooperative agreements -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B).
5. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed), to be held February 4, 2015. Approval of plenary executive closed minutes -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B); discussion and approval of the Vannevar Bush Honorary Award recommendation -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6); discussion and approval of NSF Alan T. Waterman Award recommendation -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6); and Chairman's remarks -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B).
6. Plenary NSB meeting (closed session), to be held February 4, 2015. Approval of plenary closed minutes for the November 2014 meeting -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (4), (9)(B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k). Discussion of risks to NSF -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § (c) (9)(B). Closed committee reports and Chairman's remarks -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (4), (9)(B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

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