

**Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on August 12-13, 2015**

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the August 2015 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members Drs. Córdova, Droegemeier, Peterson and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members participating 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. A&O meeting to be held August 12, 2015. Committee Chair's remarks and approval of the closed minutes of the May 2015 meeting and the August 2015 teleconference – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B); status report of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) study – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (9)(B); discussion of and action on the OIG FY 2017 budget request – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k); and discussion of the two month grant salary policy – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (9)(B).

2. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed), to be held August 12, 2015. NSB Chair's remarks and approval of May 2015 plenary executive closed minutes – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B); report from the Nominations Committee – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6); and discussion of a Board member proposal – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6).

3. CPP meeting to be held August 12, 2015. Committee Chair's remarks and approval of closed minutes for the May 2015 meeting – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B). Discussion of the following information items: risks to Antarctic operations, including contingency budgeting – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B); discussion of NSB recompetition policy – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (9)(B); and discussion of status of the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) project and the CERN partnership – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B).

4. CSB meeting to be held August 13, 2015. Committee chair's remarks and approval of closed minutes for the May 2015 meeting and the July 2015 teleconference – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (9)(B), and 42 USC § 1863 (k). Discussion and approval of the NSF FY 2017 budget submission, including the OIG and NSB components – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

5. Plenary NSB meeting (closed session), to be held August 13, 2015. NSB Chair's opening remarks and approval of plenary closed minutes for the May 2015 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 § 552b (c) (6) and (c) (9)(B). Discussion and action on proposed budget submission – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k). 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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