

Basis for Closing
National Science Board Meeting on September 17, 2015

On September 9, 2015 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the *ad hoc* Task Force on NEON scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. EDT. Board Members Drs. Córdoba, Arvizu, Droegemeier, Peterson and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. The subject of the meeting: Chair’s remarks, approval of minutes, discussion of upcoming expected Congressional hearing and related background documents.

All members voted “yes” to close the teleconference.

The Task Force members, other available NSB Members, the NSBO Liaison to the Task Force, NSB Executive Officer, NSB Counsel and senior staff from the Office of the Director, the Biology Directorate and NSB Office are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the certificate below.

COUNSEL CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the *ad hoc* Task Force on NEON scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (9) (B) because the premature disclosure of this information is likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions, and 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (6) regarding the disclosure of personal information where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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