

BASIS FOR CLOSING  
NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 11, 2015

On December 3, 2015 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the *ad hoc* Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans scheduled for Friday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. EST. Board Members Drs. Arvizu, Córdova, Droegemeier, Peterson and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted “yes” to close the teleconference. The agenda of the teleconference is: Task Force Chair's opening remarks; approval of minutes; Director’s update; and Chair's closing remarks.

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.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the National Science Board, scheduled for December 11, 2015 may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (4) regarding the disclosure of trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information, and 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (9) (B) regarding the premature disclosure of information which is likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions.

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