

CLOSURE VOTE NOTICE  
COUNSEL CERTIFICATION  
NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETINGS ON FEBRUARY 2 - 3, 2016

On Monday, January 25, 2016 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB) voted to close portions of the February 2016 meetings of the NSB and its subdivisions. Executive Committee members Córdova, Arvizu, Droegeimeier, Peterson and Souvaine participated in the email polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted “yes” to close the meetings noted below. 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 Office of the Director (OD) staff members, Office Heads, including OD Office Heads, the Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, applicable Executive Secretaries and NSBO staff generally may attend in addition to Board members. For the CPP closed meeting, the staff listed above and the relevant Division Directors and Program Officers may attend. For the CSB closed meeting and the joint CPP/CSB/SCF joint meeting, the relevant Division Directors, Program Officers and senior Directorate staff may 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 or Committee Chair may allow other necessary attendees or restrict attendance further.

CERTIFICATE

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

CPP meeting to be held February 2, 2016. In addition to the Committee Chairs’ remarks, the following will be discussed and/or voted on:

- Approval of closed minutes for the November 2015 meeting — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (4), regarding confidential commercial or financial information;
- Discussion and action regarding a proposed award to the Gemini Observatory — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (4);
- Discussion and action regarding a proposed award for Stampede 2 — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (4).

Plenary NSB meeting (closed session), to be held in two sessions on February 2 and 3, 2016. In addition to the NSB Chair’s remarks, the following will be discussed and/or voted on:

- Approval of plenary closed minutes for the November 2015 meeting — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC sec. 1863 (k), and 5 USC sec.

552b (c) (4), regarding consideration of NSF budgets for a future fiscal year before the President's budget has been submitted to Congress;

- NEON update and discussion of next steps — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (4);
- Discussion and approval of resolutions regarding the Gemini Observatory and the Stampede 2 project — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC 552b (c) (4);
- closed committee reports - to be closed pursuant to the Sunshine Act exemptions that pertain the individual closed committee meetings.

Joint session of the CPP.CSB/SCF, to be held February 2, 2016. In addition to the Committee Chairs' remarks, the following items will be discussed:

- Discussion of facilities planning — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC sec. 1863 (k);
- Discussion of emerging infrastructure needs in science and engineering — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC sec. 1863 (k).

CSB meeting to be held February 3, 2016. In addition to the Committee Chair's remarks, the following will be discussed:

- Approval of closed minutes for the November 2015 meeting — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC 1863 (k);
- Discussion of NSF FY 2016 budget issues under negotiation with OMB — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC sec. 1863 (k);
- NSF FY 2017 budget update — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC sec. 1863 (k);
- Discussion of the Board's FY 2017 budget testimony — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 1863 (c) (3) and 42 USC sec. 1863 (k).

Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed session), to be held February 3, 2016. In addition to the Board Chair's remarks, the following will be discussed:

- Approval of the November 2016 and December 2015 plenary executive closed minutes — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (4) and (c) (6);
- Elections Committee update — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC sec. 552b (c) (6);
- Report from the NOMS Committee — to be closed pursuant to 5 USC 552b (c) (6).

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