

BASIS FOR CLOSING  
AND SHORT NOTICE  
NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2016

On February 12, 2016 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 Wednesday, February 17 at from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. EST. Board Members Drs. Arvizu, Droegemeier, Peterson and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members participating voted “yes” to close the teleconference. The members also voted to approve scheduling the meeting on short notice because it is necessary to ensure the Board’s oversight process is conducted within the decision-making timeframe for the NEON project.

The agenda of the teleconference is: Task Force Chair's opening remarks; approval of minutes; NSF 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 February 17, 2016 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.

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