

BASIS FOR CLOSING A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ON MARCH 30, 2017 AND HOLDING IT ON SHORT NOTICE

On March 27, 2017 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. EDT. Board Members Drs. Zuber, Souvaine, Jackson and Peterson participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members participating voted “yes” to close the teleconference. The agenda of the teleconference is: Committee Chair opening remarks; and discussion of future fiscal year planning.

This meeting will be held with less than the one week’s notice specified by the Sunshine Act. The Act permits meetings on shorter notice if the members to vote that agency business requires it. The participating members of Executive Committee, acting for the NSB, voted that agency business requires that the meeting be held on short notice.

The Board Members, senior NSF Office of the Director and Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management staff, NSBO Executive Officer, and Board Counsel are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the Executive Committee, scheduled for March 30, 2017 may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k) regarding the disclosure of budget information for upcoming fiscal years.

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