

**Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on August 15-16, 2017**

On Monday, August 7, 2017, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the August 2017 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members Drs. Córdova, Zuber, Souvaine, Jackson, and Peterson participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted “yes” to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

For the closed meetings of the Board and its subdivisions, the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Assistant Directors, senior O/D staff members, Office Heads including O/D Office Heads, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, the applicable Executive Secretary and NSBO staff may attend in addition to the Board members. For closed committee meetings, staff preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may also attend. For the CSB closed meeting involving future budgets, the NSF CFO, the heads of the Budget Office and of OLPA and applicable senior staff from those offices may also attend. For the executive closed meeting of the Board, only the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, and Executive Secretary may attend. The Board Chair or Committee Chair may allow other necessary or appropriate attendees or restrict attendance further.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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

1. CO meeting to be held August 15, 2017. Closed agenda item is: Consideration of the Office of Inspector General FY 2019 OMB Budget Submission – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

2. CS meeting to be held August 15, 2017. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair’s Remarks; Approval of minutes for May and July 2017 closed meetings; Presentation of NSBO FY 2019 OMB Budget Submission; Discussion of the Agency Reform and Strategic Plan; Action Item: FY 2019 OMB Budget Submission. All items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

3. A&F meeting to be held August 15, 2017. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair’s remarks, and approval of minutes for May and July 2017 closed meetings – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4); Action Item – National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Supplemental Proposal for Initial Operations and Maintenance – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k); Action Item – National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (NHMFL) Operations – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4); Discussion of the Status of Astronomy Facilities Divestment Plan – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9) (B); Information Item – Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Operations and Management – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

4. Plenary NSB meeting (closed), to be held August 16, 2017. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair’s remarks, Director’s remarks, and approval of minutes for May 2017 closed meeting – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and (c) (6); Closed committee reports – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (9) (B), (c) (3), and 42 USC § 1863 (k); Vote – NHMFL Award for Operations -- 5 USC § 552b (c) (4); Vote – NEON Supplemental Proposal for Initial Operations and Management -- 5 USC § 552b (c) (4); Vote – NSF FY 2019 OMB Budget Submission – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

5. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed session), to be held August 16, 2017. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair’s remarks, and approval of minutes for May 2017 closed session – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (4), (9) (B), and 42 USC § 1863 (k); Director’s Report – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and (6); Report on Award Involving an NSB Member – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6).

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