

**Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on November 8-9, 2017**

On Monday, October 30, 2017, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the November 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. Committee on Strategy meeting to be held November 8, 2017. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's Remarks; Approval of prior minutes of closed meetings; FY 2019 OMB Budget Submission Update. All items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

2. Awards & Facilities meeting to be held November 8, 2017. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's remarks, and approval of minutes for prior closed meetings – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4); Discussion items -- Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI), and Seismological Facilities for the Advancement of Geoscience and EarthScope (SAGE) and Geodesy Advancing Geosciences and EarthScope (GAGE) – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4); Information Item – NSF's National Center for Optical-Infrared Astronomy (NCOA) – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4); Action Item – Arecibo Observatory Record of Decision -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (9) (B); Discussion of Astronomy Facilities Divestment Planning – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9) (B), and (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

3. Plenary NSB meeting (closed), to be held November 9, 2017. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks, Director's remarks, and approval of minutes for August 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 – Arecibo Observatory Record of Decision to be closed pursuant to -- 5 USC § 552b (9) (B).

4. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed session), to be held November 9, 2017. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks, and approval of minutes for prior closed session – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (4), and 42 USC § 1863 (k); Director's remarks – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and (6); Report on Award Involving an NSB Member, Presentation of Nomination Slate for the Class of 2024, and Presentation of Honorary Awards Nominations – all to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6).

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