

**Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on May 1, 2, and 3, 2018**

On Monday, April 23, 2018, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the May 2018 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. A&F meeting to be held in two separate sessions: May 1 and May 2, 2018.

May 1 A&F closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's remarks; Congressional Reports Discussion; Information Item – High Performance Computing; Action Items – National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) Operations and Management (O&M) Award. The preceding items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k); Action item – Contract Services for Arctic Sciences Logistics. Item to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4).

May 2 A&F closed agenda items include: Action Items – Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) O&M Award; Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) O&M Award; Information Item – Candidate MREFC-funded Upgrades of the ATLAS and CMS Detectors at the Large Hadron Collider. The preceding items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k); Information Item – Geodesy Advancing Geosciences (GAGE) Facility and the Seismological Facilities for the Advancement of Geosciences (SAGE). Item to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4).

2. CS meeting to be held May 3, 2018. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's opening remarks; Approval of prior minutes of closed meetings; FY 2018 – FY 2020 Budget Discussion. All items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

3. Plenary NSB meeting (closed), to be held May 3, 2018. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks, Director's remarks, and approval of minutes for February 2018 closed meeting. The preceding items 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), (c) (3), and 42 USC § 1863 (k); Votes – NCAR O&M; OOI O&M; LIGO O&M; Contract Services for Arctic Science Logistics. These items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (c) (3), and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

4. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed session), to be held May 3, 2018. 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) (4); Director's remarks – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (6); Presentation of Election Slate for May 2018 Board Elections -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6).

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