

**Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on July 17-18, 2018**

On Monday, July 9, 2018, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the July 2018 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members Drs. Córdova, Souvaine, Ochoa, 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 on July 17, 2018. Committee Chair's remarks; Action Items – Leadership-Class Computing Phase I Award; Seismological Facility for the Advancement of GEosciences (SAGE) Operations & Maintenance Award; Geodetic Facility for the Advancement of GEosciences (GAGE) Operations & Maintenance Award. These items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4). Action Item -- Candidate MREFC-funded Upgrades of the ATLAS and CMS Detectors at the Large Hadron Collider—item to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k). Information Item – Astronomy Facility Transitions, item to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (c) (9) (B).

2. CS meeting to be held July 18, 2018. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's opening remarks; Approval of prior minutes of closed meetings; 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 July 18, 2018. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks, Director's remarks, approval of prior minutes of closed meetings, and closed committee reports. The preceding items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (c) (4), (c) (6) and 42 USC § 1863 (k). Item – Midscale Research Infrastructure Report, item to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), and 42 USC § 1863 (k). Votes – ATLAS and CMS Upgrades; GAGE Facility Operation & Maintenance; SAGE Facility Operations & Maintenance; Leadership-Class Computing Phase I; Contract Services for Arctic Research Support & 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 July 18, 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).

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