

Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on May 14-15, 2019

On Monday, May 6, 2019, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the May 2019 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members Drs. Souvaine, Jackson, and Peterson participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members participating 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 May 14, 2019. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's remarks; Approval of prior minutes; Action Items – Leadership-Class Computing Facility Operations and Maintenance; Green Bank Observatory Record of Decision -- items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4). Discussion Item – National Ecological Observatory Network. Item to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and (c) (6).

2. Plenary NSB meeting, to be held May 15, 2019. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks; NSF 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) (4), and (c) (6). Votes – Leadership-Class Computing Facility Operations and Maintenance; Green Bank Observatory Record of Decision. These items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4).

3. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed session), to be held May 15, 2019. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks; Approval of minutes for prior closed session; Director's remarks; Board member Award Affirmation; Election of At-large Executive Committee Members – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (6).

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