

**Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on July 17-18, 2019**

On Monday July 8, 2019, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the July 2019 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members Drs. Córdova, Souvaine, Ochoa, Phillips, and Zuber 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. CS meeting to be held on July 17, 2019. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's remarks; Approval of prior closed minutes; and Update on budgets. All items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

2. A&F meeting to be held on July 17, 2019. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's remarks; Approval of prior closed minutes; Discussion of written item regarding Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure (MSRI) I&II; and Discussion of written item regarding National Center for Optical-Infrared Astronomy (NCOA). Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (c) (6), and 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863(k). Presentation regarding National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON). Item to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and (c) (6).

3. Plenary NSB meeting to be held July 18, 2019. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks; NSF Director's remarks; Approval of prior minutes of closed meetings; and Closed committee reports. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (c) (6), 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863(k).

4. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed session) to be held July 18, 2019. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks; Approval of minutes for prior executive closed session; Director's remarks; Report from the ad hoc Committee on Nominations for the NSB Class of 2020-2026. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (6).

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