

Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on May 18-19, 2021

On May 10, 2021, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the May 2021 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members, Drs. Panchanathan, McCrary, and Phillips, 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 OD staff members, Office Heads including OD 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 May 18, 2021. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; NSF COVID-19 Recovery Update; FY 2021 Current Plan and FY 2022 Budget Request Development; and NSF Strategic Plan. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

2. A&F meeting to be held on May 18, 2021. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; Information Item: NSF Strategy for Managing COVID-19 Impacts Across Facilities; Action Item: National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Initial Operations Award Extension; Context Item: Rubin Observatory Management Reserve; Context Item: Arecibo Observatory Clean-Up Costs; Information Item: SAGE/GAGE Future Directions. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (c) (6), and 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k). For Arecibo only -- 5 USC § 552b (c) (9) (B).

3. Plenary NSB meeting (closed session), to be held May 19, 2021. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; Director's Remarks; Closed committee reports; Vote: NEON Operations & Maintenance Action. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

4. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed session), to be held May 19, 2021. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; Director's Discussion, including personnel updates; Future Directions in Translation, Innovation and Partnerships; Alan T. Waterman Management Update; Election of Two Executive Committee Members. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (6), and 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

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