

**Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on August 3-4, 2021**

On July 26, 2021, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the August 2021 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members, Drs. Panchanathan, McCrary, Gil, 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, the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Assistant Directors, senior OD staff members, Office Heads, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, the applicable Executive Secretaries 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 CS 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 August 3, 2021. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; Strategic Plan 2022-2026 update; Follow-up on Strategic Budget discussions; FY 2023 Budget Submission development. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

2. Plenary closed NSB meeting to be held August 4, 2021. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; Director's Remarks; Closed committee reports; A&F closed meeting report out and discussion; Vote: Rubin Observatory Action; Vote: Arecibo Observatory Action. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

Executive closed session agenda items include: NSB Chair's Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; NSF Structural Elements Discussion, including personnel updates and planning for structural changes; Nominations for the NSB Class of 2022-2028. 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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