Closure Vote Notice

Committee on Strategy/Committee on Oversight 2/8/23 Committee on Awards and Facilities 2/10/23 and 2/14/23

On January 31, 2023, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the February 8, 2023, meeting of the joint Committee on Strategy/Committee on Oversight (CS/CO), the February 10, 2023, meeting of the Awards & Facilities (A&F) committee meeting and a portion of the February 14, 2023, A&F meeting. Executive Committee members Panchanathan, Reed, 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 committee meetings, the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Assistant Directors and Office Heads, senior OD staff members, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, the applicable Executive Secretaries and NSBO staff may be invited to attend in addition to the Board members. Staff from relevant Directorates or Offices preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may also be invited to attend.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the discussions in the following National Science Board committee meetings may properly be closed for the reasons given.

CS/CO closed meeting to be held on February 8, 2023, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST. Closed agenda items include: Committee on Oversight Chair's remarks; Committee on Strategy Chair's remarks; Presentation and discussion of NSF's FY 2022 Annual Performance Plan and Report (APPR).

This meeting may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k) regarding the disclosure of budget information for upcoming fiscal years because the APPR is a part of NSF's FY 2024 budget submission to Congress.

A&F closed meeting to be held on February 10, 2023, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST. The agenda is: Committee Chair's opening remarks; Information Item: Update on Implementation of Astronomy Decadal Survey recommendations; Context Item: National Center for Atmospheric Research Operations and Management Award renewal; Context Item: Ocean Observatories Initiative Operations and Management Award renewal; and Context Item: National Ecological Observatory Network Recompeted Operations and Management Award.

The closed portion of the A&F meeting on February 14, 2023, at 1:35-3:30 p.m. EST. The agenda is: Committee Chair's opening remarks; Action Item: Mid-scale Research Infrastructure Track 2 Portfolio Award; Information Item: Update on Antarctic Support Contract Request for Proposal; and Discussion: Investments Supporting U.S. Antarctic Program.

The A&F meetings may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), regarding trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information, and 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k), regarding the disclosure of budget information for upcoming fiscal years.

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