

## **Closure Vote Notice**

### **Committee on Awards and Facilities—May 3, 5, and 8, 2023**

On April 24, 2023, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB) voted to close meetings of the Awards & Facilities (A&F) committee meeting to be held on May 3, May 5, and May 8, 2023. 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.

#### **C E R T I F I C A T E**

It is my opinion that the discussions in the following meetings of the A&F committee may properly be closed for the reasons given.

The May 3, 2023, A&F agenda is: Committee Chair’s opening remarks about the agenda; Antarctic Infrastructure Recapitalization (AIR) Program.

This meeting 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.

The May 5, 2023, A&F agenda is: Committee Chair’s opening remarks about the agenda; Renewal of National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) Operations and Management Award; Context of Request for Proposal for Antarctic Research Vessel Integrator; and Context of Renewal of Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) Operations and Management Award.

This meeting 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).

The May 8, 2023, A&F agenda is: Committee Chair’s opening remarks about the agenda; Recompensation of National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Operations and Management Award; Renewal of Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Operations and Management Award; Context of Arecibo Record of Decision; and Antarctic Support Contract Request for Proposal.

This meeting may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), regarding trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information, and for the

Arecibo item, 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c)(9)(B), regarding information the premature disclosure of which would enable a third party to take action that injures the interests of the federal government.

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