

Basis for Closing Meetings and Closure Vote Notice

National Science Board Meeting 5/9-10//23 Committee on Strategy 5/9/23

On May 1, 2023, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close portions of the May 2023 meeting of the NSB and the Committee on Strategy (CS). 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 meetings of the Board, 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 attend in addition to the Board members. Staff preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may be invited to attend. For the Committee on Strategy closed meeting the staff listed above may join and senior leadership in BFA may also join. For the executive closed agenda items, 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 NSB and its subdivisions may properly be closed for the reasons given.

NSB plenary closed sessions

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Closed agenda items to include: NSB Chair’s Remarks on the agenda; Approval of February 2023 Closed Meeting Minutes; NSF Update -- SAHPR; NSF Director’s Remarks, including Agency Operating Status. Committee Report of the Subcommittee on Technology. Innovation, and Partnerships (S-TIP) regarding the NSF Engines, Review/Award Process. NSB Chair’s Remarks.

Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) (trade secrets/confidential commercial or financial information), and 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) (budgets prior to the submission of the President’s budget to Congress).

CS closed meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Closed agenda items: Committee Chair’s remarks on the agenda; FY 2025 Budget Update.

Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k) (budgets prior to the submission of the President’s budget to Congress).

NSB plenary closed sessions

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

A&F Committee Report, including the following items: Antarctic Infrastructure Recapitalization (AIR) program; National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) Operations and Maintenance award; Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Operations and Maintenance award; National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Recompeted Operations and Maintenance award; Antarctic Research Vessel (ARV) Integrator; Renewal of Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) Operations and Maintenance award; and Arecibo Record of Decision.

Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) (trade secrets/confidential commercial or financial information), and for the Arecibo item, 5 USC § 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).

Executive Plenary Closed items to include: NSB Chair's Remarks on the agenda and activity since the last meeting; Approval of February 2023, Executive Plenary Closed Meeting Minutes; Executive Committee Elections; Report by the Committee on Nominations, Class of 2024-2030; NSF Director's Remarks, including organizational updates and activity since the last meeting; and NSB Chair's Closing Remarks.

Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6) (unwarranted invasion of personal privacy) and (c)(2) (internal personnel rules and practices).

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