

Closure Vote Notice

NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review

On December 7, 2023, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close sessions of meetings of the NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review (MRX) and the Committee on Oversight (CO). Executive Committee members Panchanathan, Reed, McCrary, Leath, and Ward voted to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

For the closed MRX meeting, a representative of the Office of the Director and the Office of Integrative Affairs may attend in addition to the Commission members. For the closed CO meeting, CO executive secretaries and NSBO staff, staff from the Office of the Inspector General, and a representative of the Office of the Director and Office of General Counsel may attend in addition to the Commission members.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the discussion in the meeting of the NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review may properly be closed for the reason given.

MRX closed meeting session Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Closed agenda items to include:

- Chairman's opening remarks regarding the agenda
- Commission planning
- Commission chair's closing remarks

This session may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 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, thereby significantly frustrating implementation of a proposed agency action.

CO closed meeting session Thursday, December 14, 2023

Closed agenda items to include:

- Committee Chair's opening remarks regarding the agenda
- Presentation and discussion of a pilot program to include experts in Broader Impacts on NSF Committees of Visitors

This session may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 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, thereby significantly frustrating implementation of a proposed agency action.

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