

Basis for Closing Meetings and Closure Vote Notice
NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 8/12/2024

On August 6, 2024, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close the August 12, 2024, meeting of the NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review (MRX). All Executive Committee members Panchanathan, Gil, McCrary, Grejner-Brzezinska and Ward voted “yes” to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

The Board Executive Officer, applicable Executive Secretary and Liaisons, senior Office of the Director and Evaluation and Assessment Capability staff, and NSBO staff may attend. Staff preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may be invited to attend. The Commission Chair may allow other necessary or appropriate attendees or restrict attendance further.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the discussions in the following meetings of the NSB committees may properly be closed for the reasons given.

The MRX Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. EDT.

The agenda is: Commission Chair’s remarks about the agenda; Discussion of NSF Activities Relevant to Potential Preliminary Accountability Suggestions; Commission Planning Updates; and Commission Chair’s closing remarks

This meeting may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (9) (B) regarding information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action and thereby enable a third party to take action that injures the interests of the federal government.

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