

Basis for Closing Meetings Certificate

NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 12/3/2024 Committee on Awards and Facilities – 12/3/2024 National Science Board – 12/4&5/2024

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.

MRX closed meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Closed agenda items to include:

- Commission Chair's opening remarks regarding the agenda
- Discussion of Final Recommendations and Guidance
- Vote for Approval of Final Recommendations and Guidance
- Commission Chair's closing remarks

Items in this meeting may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (9)(B), regarding information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

A&F closed meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Closed agenda items to include:

- Committee Chair's Opening Remarks regarding the agenda
- Information Item: Annual Report of the Chief Officer for Research Facilities
- Information Item: Briefing on the U.S. Extremely Large Telescope Report from the External Panel

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

NSB Plenary closed session

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Closed agenda items to include:

- Strategic-level thinking and discussion about the NSF budget

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

NSB Plenary closed sessions

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Closed agenda items to include:

- NSB Chair's Remarks and Welcome
 - Approval of closed NSB meeting minutes from July and September 2024
- NSF Director's Remarks
 - Agency Operations Updates

- Committee Reports
 - NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review
 - Presentation and discussion of final recommendations and guidance
 - Committee on Awards & Facilities
 - Annual Report of the Chief Officer for Research Facilities
 - Report on U.S. Extremely Large Telescope program

Item 1 to be closed for all the reasons listed below. Item 2 to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6) (unwarranted invasion of personal privacy). Item 3 (MRX) is to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (9)(B), regarding information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action; Item 3 (A&F) to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3)(B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k) (budgets prior to the submission of the President's budget to Congress).

- Vote to move into a Plenary Executive Closed session

Executive Plenary Closed Session (EPC)

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Closed agenda items to include:

- NSB Chair's welcome
 - approval of July 2024 EPC Minutes
- NSB Honorary Awards, Discussion and Vote
 - 2025 Vannevar Bush and Science and Society Awards
- Chair's closing remarks

All items to be closed pursuant 5 USC § 552b (c) (6) (unwarranted invasion of personal privacy).

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