

Closure Vote Notice

National Science Board Executive Committee – 3/5/2025 NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 3/10/2025

On March 4, 2025, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close portions of its March 5, 2025, and the March 10, 2025, NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review (MRX). All Executive Committee members participating (Drs. McCrary, Brzezinska, Ward) voted “yes” to close the meetings.

For the closed meeting of the NSB Executive Committee, the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Chief Management Officer, Chief of Staff and Executive Secretary, and the NSBO Executive Officer and Senior Counsel may attend in addition to the Board members. For the MRX meeting, its support staff and staff needed to answer questions may be invited to attend. The Board Chair or 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 and MRX may properly be closed for the reasons given.

NSB Executive Committee closed session

Agenda item: Director’s update on recent and planned activity.

The meeting may properly 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), and 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.

MRX closed meeting

Agenda items: Commission Chair’s remarks about the agenda; Discussion of revised timeline; Vote for the approval of revised final Recommendations and Guidance; Discussion of revised draft Commission Report to the Board; Discussion of revised Commission Report approval and dissemination process; and Commission Chair’s closing remarks.

The 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.

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