

Vote Notice and Basis for Closure

National Science Board Meetings on December 4 and 5, 2012

On November 27-28, 2012, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members Drs. Suresh, Arvizu, Droegemeier, Lineberger and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members 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 and Committees, the Foundation Deputy Director, Assistant Directors, heads of OD Offices, Inspector General, and the Board Executive Officer and Board Counsel are expected to attend. For the sessions involving proposed awards and agreements, the appropriate Foundation Division Director(s), Program Officer(s), Executive Secretaries and Board Office staff member(s) are expected to attend. For the closed sessions involving future budgets, the CFO, the head of the Budget Office, the head of OLPA, appropriate senior staff members from these offices and the Board Office, plus the Executive Secretaries are expected to attend. For the executive closed session, the Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel and Executive Secretary are expected to attend.

CERTIFICATE

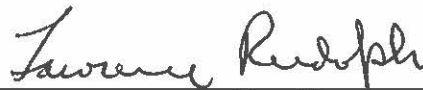
It is my opinion that the discussions in the following meetings of the National Science Board and its subdivisions may properly be closed for the reasons given.

Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB), meeting of December 4, 2012, Committee chairman's remarks and approval of closed minutes for the August 2012 teleconference – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(2) and (9)(b); discussion regarding the NSF FY 2014 budget development and potential sequestration impacts – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP), meeting of December 4, 2012, Committee chairman's remarks and approval of closed minutes for the July 2012 meeting – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(2) and (9)(b); discussion of the information item regarding the Gemini Observatory annual update – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(4) and (9)(b); discussion of the information item regarding the MPS Advisory Committee review of the Astronomy Portfolio – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (9)(b).

Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed session), meeting of December 5, 2012, Approval of Plenary Executive closed minutes for July 2012 teleconference and the July 2012 meeting – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(2), (4), (6) and (9)(b); discussion of 2013 Board retreat and site visit – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(9)(B); and approval of Honorary Award recommendations – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(6).

Plenary NSB meeting (closed session), meeting of December 5, 2012, Approval of Plenary closed minutes for meetings of July and August 2012 – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(2) (4), (6) and (9)(B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k); and discussion of closed committee reports – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(3), (4), (6) and (9)(B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).



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