

BASIS FOR CLOSING AND LATE NOTICE
NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

On September 9, 2015 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the *ad hoc* Task Force on NEON scheduled for Friday, September 11 at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. EDT. No earlier notice was possible because of the short lead time before a proposed Congressional hearing, the member’s schedules and the previously scheduled Board retreat. The subject of the meeting: Task Force Chair’s remarks, and discussion of background documents, including a table that summarizes near-term deliverables and metrics for NEON, Inc.

Board Members Drs. Córdova, Arvizu, Droegemeier, Peterson and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted “yes” to close the teleconference, and that there was adequate justification for holding the teleconference on short notice.

The Task Force members, other available NSB Members, the NSBO Liaison to the Task Force, NSB Executive Officer, NSB Counsel and senior staff from the Office of the Director, the Biology Directorate and NSB Office are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the certificate below.

COUNSEL CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the *ad hoc* Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans, scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., is properly closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (9) (B) because the premature disclosure of this information is likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions, and 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (6) regarding the disclosure of personal information where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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