

Closure Vote Notice
Counsel Certification
National Science Board Meetings on November 18-19, 2015

On Monday November 9, 2015 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the November 2015 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee 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 meetings. The justification for the closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

For the closed meetings of the Board and its subdivisions, the NSF Deputy Director, Assistant Directors, senior O/D staff members, Office Heads including O/D Office Heads, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, the applicable Executive Secretary and NSBO staff may attend in addition to the Board members. For the CPP closed meeting (involving a proposed award) and the CPP/SCF joint closed meeting, the applicable Deputy Assistant Director, Division Director, and Program Officer may also attend. For the A&O closed meeting, staff who are needed to answer questions may also attend. For the NPP closed meeting, the Program Manager and General Counsel may also attend. For the executive closed meeting of the Board, only the NSF Deputy Director, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, and Executive Secretary may attend. The Board Chair or Committee 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 National Science Board and its subdivisions may properly be closed for the reasons given.

1. A&O meeting to be held November 18, 2015. In addition to the Committee Chair’s opening and closing remarks, the following items will be discussed:
 - Approval of the closed minutes of the August 2015 meeting – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k) regarding consideration of proposed Foundation budgets for a particular fiscal year before the President’s budget has been submitted to Congress, 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) regarding commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential; and 5 USC § 552b (c) (9)(B) regarding the premature disclosure of information which is likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions;
 - Report on status of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) draft study – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k); and 5 USC § 552b (c) (9)(B).

2. NPP meeting to be held November 18, 2015. In addition to the Task Force Chair's opening and closing remarks, the following will be discussed:

- Approval of the closed minutes for the October 8 and October 23, 2015 teleconferences – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6), and 552b (c) (9)(B);
- NSF Director's update on NEON – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC. § 552b(c) (4), and 5 USC § 552b(c) (9)(B);
- Update on the NPP Task Force activities and next steps- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k), and U.S.C. § 552b (c) (9)(B).

3. CPP meeting to be held November 18, 2015. In addition to the Committee Chair's closing remarks the following will be discussed:

- Chair's opening remarks will include a reference to the Stampede program – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4); and the forthcoming review of internal NSF program realignments – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (2) because this relates solely to the internal practices of the agency;
- Approval of closed minutes for the August 2015 meeting – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and 552b (c) (9)(B);
- Discussion and action regarding the following proposed award: National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), and 552b (c) (9)(B).

4. Plenary NSB meeting (closed session), to be held November 18, 2015. In addition to the NSB Chair's opening and closing remarks, the following will be discussed and/or voted on:

- Approval of plenary closed minutes for the August 2015 meeting – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k), and 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and 5 USC § 552 (c) (9)(B);
- Approval of NRAO preliminary resolution – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (c) (9)(B);
- closed committee reports – to be closed pursuant to the Sunshine Act exemptions that pertain to the individual closed committee meetings.

5. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed), to be held November 18, 2015. In addition to the opening and closing remarks, the following will be discussed and/or voted on:

- Approval of August 2015 plenary executive closed minutes – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9)(B);
- Election of four members to the Elections Committee – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6);
- Approval of Honorary Awards recommendations – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6);
- Report from the NOMS committee-to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6);
- Report on NSF grant award to a Board member – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6).

6. CPP/SCF joint session, to be held November 19, 2015. In addition to the Committee Chair's opening and closing remarks, the following will be discussed:

- The evolving needs of science and engineering infrastructure – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k);
- Update on Antarctic Infrastructure Modernization for Science (AIMS) – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

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