

Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on February 4 - 5, 2020

On January 27, 2020, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the February 2020 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members Drs. Córdova, Souvaine, Phillips, and Zuber participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members participating 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 its subdivisions, the NSF Chief Operating Officer, 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 closed committee meetings, staff preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may also attend. For the CSB closed meeting involving future budgets, the NSF CFO, the heads of the Budget Office and of OLPA and applicable senior staff from those offices may also attend. For the executive closed meeting of the Board, only the NSF Chief Operating Officer, 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.

C E R T I F I C A T E

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&F meeting to be held on February 4, 2020. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's remarks; Approval of prior closed meeting minutes; Presentation and discussion of action item: High Luminosity Upgrades to the ATLAS and CMS Detectors; Presentation and discussion of context item: Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure Track 2 portfolio; Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863(k).
2. CS meeting to be held on February 5, 2020. Closed agenda items include: Committee Chair's remarks; Approval of prior closed meeting minutes; and Update on budgets. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).
3. Plenary NSB meeting to be held February 5, 2020. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks; Approval of prior closed meeting minutes; Director's remarks, including update on new Speak Up Campaign; Closed committee reports; National Solar Observatory Mid-term Review; and Vote regarding ATLAS and CMS upgrades to LHC. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863(k).
4. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed session) to be held February 5, 2020. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's remarks; Approval of prior closed meeting minutes; Director's remarks, including updates on the Arctic contract and the Waterman Award; Board member award; Nomination Committee for NSB Elections. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (6).

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