

# **Basis for Closing Meetings and Closure Vote Notice**

## **NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 7/11/2024**

On July 2, 2024, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close the July 11 meeting of the NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review (MRX). Executive Committee members, Panchanathan, Gil, McCrary, and Ward voted “yes” to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

For the closed MRX meeting, a representative of the Office of the Director and the Office of Integrative Affairs, the Executive Secretary, and supporting NSBO staff may attend in addition to the Commission members. In addition, staff preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may be invited to attend. The Committee Chairs may allow other necessary or appropriate attendees or restrict attendance further.

### **CERTIFICATE**

It is my opinion that the discussions in the following meetings may properly be closed for the reasons given.

#### **MRX closed meeting, Thursday, July 11, 2024**

Closed agenda items to include:

- Commission Chair’s opening remarks regarding the agenda
- Discussion of Preliminary Accountability Recommendations
- Commission Chair’s closing remarks

Items in this 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 and thereby enable a third party to take action that injures the interests of the federal government.

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