

Basis for Closing Meetings and Closure Vote Notice

NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 3/11/2024 Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships – 3/11/2024 Ad hoc Committee on Elections – 3/14/2024

On March 4, 2024, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close portions of the February 2024 meetings of the NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review (MRX), the Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships (S-TIP), and the ad hoc Committee on Elections. All participating Executive Committee members, Panchanathan, Reed, and McCrary, voted “yes” to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

For closed committee meetings the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Assistant Directors and Office Heads, senior OD staff members, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, the applicable Executive Secretaries and NSBO staff may attend. Staff preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may be invited to attend. For the ad hoc closed meeting, the Executive Officer, Board Counsel, and Executive Secretary are expected to 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 NSB committees may properly be closed for the reasons given.

The MRX Commission is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. EDT. The agenda is: Commission Chair’s remarks about the agenda; Discussion of Preliminary Recommendations and Suggestions; Commission Chair’s closing remarks.

This meeting may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 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.

The S-TIP subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, at 1:00 p.m. EDT. The agenda is: Subcommittee Chair’s opening remarks regarding the agenda; Discussion of Draft TIP Roadmap; TIP Topics and Touchpoints for Future NSB Engagement.

This meeting may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k), regarding the disclosure of budget and congressionally requested information for upcoming fiscal years.

The ad hoc Elections committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. EDT. The agenda is: Chair's Opening Remarks about the agenda; Discussion of process to build a slate of Nominees for NSB Chair and Vice Chair positions for the 2022-2024 term; Assign tasks and determine next steps.

The Elections committee meeting may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (6) regarding the disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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