

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

**NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 3/28/2024**

**NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 4/1/2024**

**Ad hoc Committee on Elections – 4/2/2024**

On March 25, 2024, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close portions of the March and April 2024 meetings of the NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review (MRX), and the ad hoc Committee on Elections. All participating Executive Committee members, Panchanathan, Reed, McCrary, and Leath voted “yes” to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

For these closed committee meetings 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 and Executive Secretary are expected to 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 NSB committees may properly be closed for the reasons given.

**The first MRX Commission is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. EDT.**

The agenda is: Commission Chair’s remarks about the agenda; Commission planning; Discussion of Preliminary Recommendations; 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 second MRX Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. EDT.**

The agenda is: Commission Chair’s remarks about the agenda; Discussion of Preliminary Recommendations; 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 ad hoc Elections committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 1:30**

**p.m. EDT.** The agenda is: Chair’s Opening Remarks about the agenda; Discussion of progress to build a slate of nominees for NSB Chair and Vice Chair positions for the 2024 – 2026 term and 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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