

Basis for Closing Meetings and Closure Vote Notice Short Notice of NSB Meeting

National Science Board – 5/10/2024 NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 5/15/2024

On May 8, 2024, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close the May 10, 2024, meeting of the NSB and the May 15, 2024, meeting of the NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review (MRX). All Executive Committee members, Panchanathan, Reed, McCrary, Leath, and Ward, voted “yes” to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate. The Executive Committee also approved holding the NSB meeting on short notice. The reason for the short notice is to enable the participation of all Board members, and the term of eight members ends on Friday, May 10.

For the closed commission meeting, senior OD, OIA, and BFA staff members, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, Executive Secretary and NSBO staff may attend in addition to the Board members. For the executive closed agenda items, only the Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, and NSF Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel and Chief of Staff are expected to attend in addition to the Board members. The Board Chair may allow other attendees or restrict attendance further.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the discussions in the following meetings of the NSB and its subdivisions may properly be closed for the reasons given.

NSB executive closed meeting

Friday, May 10, 2024

Closed agenda items to include:

- NSB Chair’s Remarks regarding the agenda
- Discussion of National Science Board’s roles and responsibilities and vote

Items may properly be closed pursuant to (c)(2) (internal personnel rules and practices) and 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.

MRX closed meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Closed agenda items to include:

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

Items 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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