

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

## **NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 6/18/2024 Joint Committee on Strategy and Committee on Awards and Facilities – 6/21/2024**

On June 11, 2024, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close the June 18 meeting of the NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review (MRX), and the June 21 joint meeting of the Committee on Strategy (CS) and Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F). All 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. For the closed A&F meeting, 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. 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, Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

Closed agenda items to include:

- Commission Chair’s opening remarks regarding the agenda
- Discussion of Preliminary Recommendations
- Update on External Data Collection Questions
- 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.

#### **CS and A&F closed meeting, Friday, June 21, 2024**

Closed agenda items to include:

- Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks regarding the agenda
- Discussion of Long-term Planning and FY 2026 Budget Development

Items are to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3)(B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k) (budgets prior to the submission of the President's budget to Congress).

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