

Closure Vote Notice

Committee on Awards and Facilities – 2/10/2025 National Science Board – 2/11/2025

On February 4, 2025, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close portions of the February 10-11, 2025, meetings of the NSB and the Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F). All Executive Committee members voted “yes” to close the meetings.

For the closed meetings of the Board, the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Chief Management 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 to the Board members. For the committee meetings, staff preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may be invited to attend. For the executive closed agenda items, only the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Board 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 and its subdivisions may properly be closed for the reasons given.

A&F closed meeting

Monday, February 10, 2025

Closed agenda items to include:

- Opening Remarks
- Discussion and Vote: National Radio Astronomy Observatory Operations and Maintenance Award Authorization Level Increase
- Context Item: Mid-scale Research Infrastructure Program Track 2
- Context Item: National Geophysical Facility

Items 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).

NSB Plenary closed session

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Closed agenda items to include:

- NSB Chair’s Remarks
 - Approval of closed NSB meeting minutes from December 2024

Item to be closed for all the reasons listed below.

- Committee Reports
 - Committee on Awards & Facilities
 - National Radio Astronomy Observatory Discussion and Vote
 - Context Item: Mid-scale Research Infrastructure Track 1 Portfolio
 - Context Item: National Geophysical Facility Operations and Maintenance award
- NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review
 - Overview of Revised Commission Report and Discussion

Item 1 (A&F) 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). Item 2 (MRX) is to be closed 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.

- Vote to move into a Plenary Executive Closed session

Executive Plenary Closed Session (EPC)

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Closed agenda items to include:

- NSB Chair's remarks
 - approval of December 2024 EPC Minutes
 - NSB Honorary Awards, Discussion and Vote
 - Discussion – preparing for possible transitions, including NSB leadership

All items to be closed pursuant 5 USC § 552b (c) (6) (unwarranted invasion of personal privacy).

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