

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Foundation  
National Science Board  
and its Subdivisions

DATE AND TIME: November 29-30, 2006

Wednesday November 29, 2006 7:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

7:30-7:45	Open
7:45-8:00	Closed
8:00-8:45	Open
8:45-9:30	Open
9:30-10:00	Open
10:00-11:30	Open
11:30-12:00	Closed
12:45-2:15	Open
2:15-3:45	Open
3:45-5:15	Closed

Thursday November 30, 2006 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

8:00-8:45	Open
8:45-9:30	Open
9:30-10:00	Closed
10:00-12:00	Open
1:15-1:30	Closed
1:30-1:45	Closed
1:45-3:00	Open

PLACE: National Science Foundation  
4201 Wilson Blvd.  
Room 1235  
Arlington, VA 22230

PUBLIC MEETING ATTENDANCE: All visitors must report to the NSF's visitor's desk at the 9<sup>th</sup> and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please refer to the National Science Board Web site ([www.nsf.gov/nsb](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb)) for any schedule updates.

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STATUS: Part of this meeting will be closed to the public  
Part of this meeting will be open to the public

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2006**

**OPEN**

Executive Committee (7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for September 2006 Meeting
- Updates or New Business from Committee Members

CPP Task Force on Transformative Research (8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for September 2006 Meeting
- Task Force Chairman's Remarks
- Review of Draft Report, "Enhancing Support of Transformative Research at the National Science Foundation" and Recommendations

CPP Subcommittee on International Science (8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes
- Task Force Chairman's Remarks
- Discussion of the September 25 Roundtable Discussion Summary Notes
- Information Item: Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)
- Discussion of Future Task Force Activities

CPP Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering (9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for September 2006 Meeting
- Task Force Co-Chairmen's Remarks
- Discussion of the Draft NSB Report, Hurricane Warning: Critical Need for a National Hurricane Research Initiative
- Future Activities of the Task Force

Committee on Audit and Oversight (10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes of September, 2006 Meeting
- Committee Chairman's Remarks
- OIG Semiannual Report
- Management Response to OIG Semiannual Report
- 2006 Financial Statement Audit
- Chief Information Officer's Update
- Chief Financial Officer's Update, including Performance and Accountability Report/2006 Financial Statement Audit (available at [www.nsf.gov/publications/pub\\_summ.jsp?ods\\_key=nsf0701](http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf0701))
- Initiative on Interim Progress Reports (Research Business Models Subcommittee of the Committee on Science)

EHR Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators (12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.)

- Approval of September Minutes
- Subcommittee Chairman's Remarks
- Brief discussion of Revised Chapter Outlines
- Review of Science and Engineering Indicators Draft Chapters
  - NSB Review—Matrix for Chapter Reviewers and Lead Reviewers
  - External Expert Review
- Discussion of Possible Topics for Board Companion Piece
- Parallel Discussion of Science and Engineering Indicators 2010
  - Data Gaps
  - Meeting with State Representatives
  - Meeting with Industry Representatives
- Web Presentation and Electronic Dissemination of Indicators
- Chairman's Summary

Committee on Programs and Plans (2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.)

- Approval of Minutes
- Committee Chairman's Remarks
- Status Reports:
  - Task Force on International Science
  - Subcommittee on Polar Issues
  - Task Force on Transformative Research
  - Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering
- FY 2007 Schedule of Actions and Information Items for NSB Review
- NSB Policy on Recompetition of NSF Awards
- NSB Information Item: Division of Astronomical Sciences Senior Review
- NSB Information Item: National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO) and National Solar Observatory (NSO) – Management Review of the 5-year Cooperative Agreement with the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc. (AURA)

**CLOSED**

Executive Committee (7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.)

- Director's Items
  - Specific Personnel Matters
  - Future Budgets

Committee on Audit and Oversight (11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon)

- Pending Investigations: OIG Staff

Committee on Programs and Plans (3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.)

- NSB Action Item: Request for Proposals and Award of a Contract for the Conduct of the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR)
- NSB Action Item: Continuity and Change in American Economic and Social Life: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) for Fiscal Years 2007 – 2011

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2006**

### **OPEN**

CPP Subcommittee on Polar Issues (8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.)

- Approval of September Minutes
- Subcommittee Chairman's Remarks
- OPP Director's Remarks
- Polar Icebreakers in a Changing World: An Assessment of U.S. Needs, A Report of The National Academies, September 2006

Committee on Strategy and Budget (8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

- Approval of September 28, 2006 CSB Minutes
- Committee Chairman's Remarks
- Findings of NSF Working Group on the Impact of Proposal and Award Management Mechanisms (IPAMM) Study of Award Size, Duration and Proposal Success Rates
- NSF FY 2007 Budget Request

Committee on Education and Human Resources (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

- Approval of September 2006 Minutes
- Chairman's Remarks
- Evaluation and the Academic Competitiveness Council
- Update on Education Commission
- NSF-EHR Directorate Program Evaluations
- Discussion of Board Response to Congressman Rush Holt Letter
- Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators
- Summary of Nov. 7 Engineering Education Workshop
- NSB Executive Officer's Report

### **CLOSED**

Committee on Strategy and Budget (9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

- NSF FY 2008 Budget Request
  - Status of NSF FY 2008 Budget Request
  - Potential Impacts of Grants Management Line of Business on Future Budgets

**PLENARY SESSIONS OF THE BOARD (1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

PLENARY EXECUTIVE CLOSED (1:15-1:30)

- Approval of September 2006 Minutes

PLENARY CLOSED (1:30-1:45)

- Approval of September 2006 Minutes
- Awards and Agreements
  - NSB Action Item: Request for Proposals and Award of a Contract for the Conduct of the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR)
  - NSB Action Item: Continuity and Change in American Economic and Social Life: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) for Fiscal Years 2007 – 2011
- Closed Committee Reports

PLENARY OPEN (1:45-3:00)

- Approval of September 2006 Minutes
- Closed Session Items for February 2007 Meeting
- Chairman's Report
- Director's Report
- Open Committee Reports
- Presentation: Overview of NSF Outreach Activities

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