

**Basis for Closing the National Science Board's
March 31, 2009 Executive Committee Teleconference**

From March 24-25, 2009, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the March 31, 2009 teleconference of its Executive Committee. Board Members Drs. Abbott, Beering, Bement, Galloway, and Sullivan participated in the vote through an e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. No Member objected to the closing.

The Board Members, National Science Board Office staff, and selected NSF staff will participate. The justification for closing the teleconference is provided in the attached certification.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that portions of the meeting of the Executive Committee, National Science Board (NSB) scheduled for March 31, 2009 having to do with nominees for appointments as NSB members and National Science Foundation (NSF) staff, or with specific staffing or personnel issues or actions, may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2) and (6); those portions having to do with proposed budgets for a particular fiscal year may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. 1863(k); those portions having to do with proposals and awards for specific grants, contracts, or other arrangements may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (4), (6), and (9) (B); those portions disclosure of which would risk the circumvention of a statute or agency regulation under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2); and those portions having to do with specific Office of the Inspector General investigations and enforcement actions may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (5), (7) and (10).

[signed]

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