

**Basis for Closing the National Science Board's
September 24, 2010 Executive Plenary Meeting**

On September 9, 2010, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the September 24, 2010 Executive Plenary meeting of the NSB from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. Board Members Drs. Bowen, Marrett, Gulari and Benbow participated in the vote through an e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All participating members voted "yes" to close the September 24, 2010 Executive Plenary meeting of the NSB from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m.

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

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CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the National Science Board's Executive Plenary Meeting on September 24, 2010 having to do with discussions and voting to select a member to fill a vacancy on the NSB Executive Committee may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2) and (6).

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