

**Basis for Closing
National Science Board Meetings on September 2011**

On August 30, 2011, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the Committee on Strategy and Budget (September 6), the teleconference meeting of the *ad hoc* Committee on Nominations for the NSB Class of 2012-2018 (week of September 6), the meeting of the full Board (September 6), as well as the meetings of the Board and its committees (September 13). Board Members Drs. Bowen, Droegemeier, Souvaine, and Suresh participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. A majority of the members voted “yes” to close all the meetings on August 30, 2011.

The Board Members, National Science Board Office staff, and selected NSF staff will attend the closed meetings. The justification for closing particular portions of the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

C E R T I F I C A T E

It is my opinion that portions of the meeting of the National Science Board (NSB) or its subdivisions scheduled for September 2011 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); 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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