

Basis for Closing the January 13, 2006 Election Committee Meeting of the National Science Board

On December 14-15, 2005, The National Science Board voted to close January 13, 2006 teleconference meeting of the NSB Election Committee after determining that the meeting is likely to disclose personal information where the disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Drs. Arvizu, Barish, Beering, Bowen, Clough, Droegemeier, Fedoroff, Hastings, Lanzerotti, Leshner, Lubchenco, Natalicio, Rossmann, Simberloff, Strauss, Sullivan, Washington, White, Wrighton voted to close the NSB Election Committee meeting in an e-mail polling of the Board. No Member voted against the closure of this meeting.

The Board Members, the Board's Executive Officer, National Science Board Office staff, and selected NSF staff will attend this meeting.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the meeting of the National Science Board's (NSB) Election Committee scheduled for January 13, 2006 having to do with nominees for appointments as NSB Executive Committee members may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2) and (6).

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