

**Basis for Closing the August 6, 2007 Meeting of the National Science Board
Committee on Programs and Plans**

From July 2, 2007 through July 13, 2007, The National Science Board (NSB) voted to close the August 6, 2007 session of the NSB Committee on Programs and Plans after determining that the meeting is likely to disclose, relate to, involve, or concern information that would be likely to disclose personal information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy and/or would also be likely to disclose research plans and other related information that are trade secrets, and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.

Members Abbott, Arvizu, Barish, Beering, Bement, Benbow, Bowen, Bruer, Droegemeier, Ford, Galloway, Griffiths, Hastings, Hess, Hoffman, Lanzerotti, Leshner, Randall, Reilly, Strauss, Sullivan, Taylor, Thompson, and Vasquez participated in the vote through 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 August 6, 2007 meeting of the National Science Board's Committee on Programs and Plans, to discuss 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).

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