Basis for Closing Meetings and Closure Vote Notice

NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review – 1/13/2025

On January 7, 2025, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB, Board) voted to close the January 13, 2025, meeting of the NSB-NSF Commission on Merit Review (MRX). All Executive Committee members voted "yes" to close the meeting. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

For the closed MRX meeting, a representative of the Office of the Director and the Office of Integrative Affairs, the Executive Secretary, and supporting NSBO staff may attend in addition to the Commission members. In addition, staff preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may be invited to attend. The Committee Chairs may allow other necessary or appropriate people to attend or restrict attendance further.

C E R T I F I C A T E

It is my opinion that the discussions in the following meetings may properly be closed for the reasons given.

MRX closed meeting, Monday, January 13, 2025
Closed agenda items to include:

- Commission Chair's opening remarks regarding the agenda
- Discussion of revised Commission report to the Board
- Commission Chair's closing remarks

Items in this meeting may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (9)(B), regarding information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

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