

**In the Matter of:**

**Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board**

*December 12, 2018*  
*Closed Board Meeting*

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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3 DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD:  
4 BRUCE HAMILTON, Chairman  
5 JESSIE H. ROBERSON, Board Member  
6 JOYCE L. CONNERY, Board Member  
7 DANIEL J. SANTOS, Board Member  
8 CHRISTOPHER ROSCETTI, Technical Director  
9 KATHERINE HERRERA, Deputy Technical Director  
10 ERIC F. FOX, ESQ., Associate General Counsel  
11 JOSEPH GILMAN, ESQ., Associate General Counsel  
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24 REPORTED BY:  
25 Sally Jo Quade, CERT, Reporter

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON:  
4 Good afternoon. Without objection, I would like  
5 to enter my opening remarks into the record without  
6 further reading of them. You have those remarks in your  
7 binder.  
8 Good afternoon. My name is Bruce Hamilton and I  
9 am the Chairman of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety  
10 Board. I will preside over today's closed meeting.  
11 With me today are my colleagues on the Board, Board  
12 Member Jessie Roberson, Board Member Daniel Santos, and  
13 Board Member Joyce Connery. We four constitute the  
14 Board.  
15 Having established a quorum of the Board  
16 members, this closed meeting will now come to order.  
17 Mr. Joseph Gilman, the Board's Acting General Counsel,  
18 will serve as the Board's Executive Secretary for the  
19 meeting.  
20 This closed meeting was publicly announced on  
21 November 11, 2018, on the Board's public website. This  
22 meeting was subsequently noticed in the Federal Register  
23 on November 26. The Board has closed the meeting to the  
24 public per the provisions of the Government in the  
25 Sunshine Act, as well as the Board's regulations

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1 implementing the Sunshine Act and the Board's operating  
2 procedures for meetings.

3 This closed meeting concerns member  
4 deliberations pertaining to the development and  
5 formulation of potential Board recommendations to the  
6 Secretary of Energy. The Board's compliance with  
7 statutory provisions permitting closure of this meeting  
8 has been stated in the Board's Federal Register notice.  
9 Additional documentation related to this meeting is  
10 available on our website, www.dnfsb.gov.

11 As a reminder to those who are in attendance and  
12 Board employees who may later become privy to these  
13 proceedings, the Board and its staff are prohibited from  
14 publicly disclosing information described in draft or  
15 final recommendations prior to the receipt of the final  
16 recommendation by the Secretary of Energy. This  
17 prohibition applies to information learned during the  
18 course of this meeting or by review of the meeting  
19 transcript, related documents, or from other sources.

20 Pursuant to the specific agenda, the Board will  
21 deliberate on potential recommendations currently  
22 pending before the Board. Following the discussion on  
23 each, I will summarize the outcome of the discussion,  
24 and the Executive Secretary will summarize any staff  
25 taskings and Board votes. After an opportunity for

[REDACTED]

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1 closing comments from Board Members, the meeting will  
2 adjourn. This concludes my opening remarks in my  
3 capacity as Chairman.

4 With that done, the purpose of this closed  
5 meeting is to discuss potential draft recommendations.  
6 I would invite any Board Members to make opening  
7 remarks.

8 Mr. Santos?

9 BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10 No opening remarks.

11 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Santos.

12 Ms. Connery?

13 BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

14 No opening remarks.

15 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: No opening remarks. Thank  
16 you, Ms. Connery.

17 Ms. Roberson?

18 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: No, Mr. Chairman. No  
19 opening comments.

20 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: No opening comments. And I  
21 have no opening comments. Thank you.

22 All right, we'll go to our first item of  
23 business

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18 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: [REDACTED]  
20 Time for closing remarks. Mr. Santos?  
21 BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: No closing remarks.  
22 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Ms. Connery?  
23 BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: I just expect heaps of  
24 gratitude for the torture I am about to go through with  
25 [REDACTED]

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1 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you, Ms. Connery.  
2 And Ms. Roberson?  
3 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: I had like six pages  
4 back here, but since Ms. Connery has already gone to the  
5 bathroom, I'll skip it. You don't get it.  
6 BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: No.  
7 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: The only closing remark is  
8 I'll say it again, I do appreciate your taking this on  
9 for the technical staff, this perhaps will be a trial  
10 run for potential adjustment in our process, and maybe  
11 potential change to the Board procedures, but we'll see  
12 how it goes. As a reminder, the Board and its staff are  
13 prohibited from publicly disclosing information  
14 described in draft or final recommendations. This  
15 prohibition applies to information learned during the  
16 course of this meeting or by review of the meeting  
17 transcripts, related documents, or from other sources.  
18 The prohibition shall remain in effect until receipt of  
19 a final recommendation by the Secretary of Energy or the  
20 Board otherwise makes an affirmative decision to release  
21 information. This concludes the closed meeting. We are  
22 adjourned.  
23 (Whereupon, at 2:31 p.m., the hearing was  
24 adjourned.)  
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