Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

7/13/2023

1	APPEARANCES
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3	Joyce Connery, Chair
4	Thomas Summers, Vice Chair
5	Jessie Roberson, Board Member
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7	Kevin Lyskowski, General Counsel
8	Eric Fox, Associate General Counsel
9	Katherine Herrera, Acting Executive Directive of
10	Operations
11	Richard Tontodonato, Associate Technical Director for
12	Nuclear Weapon Programs
13	Jonathan Plaue, Associate Technical Director for Nuclear
14	Facility Infrastructure and Projects
15	Timothy Dwyer, Acting Technical Director
16	Katie Heffner, Technical Staff
17	Scott Seprish, Technical Staff
18	Farid Bamdad, Technical Staff
19	Sanjoy Sircar, Technical Staff
20	David Campbell, Technical Staff
21	Zachary McCabe, Technical Staff
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1	CLOSED MEETING
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3	(2:04 p.m. Eastern)
4	MS. CONNERY: Good afternoon. My name is Joyce
5	Connery, and I am the Chair of the Defense Nuclear
6	Facilities Safety Board. We are on record, and I call
7	this meeting to order. Without objection and in the
8	interest of time, I'm going to give my opening remarks as
9	Chair to the court reporter to enter into the transcript
10	in lieu of reading them aloud.
11	(Chair's opening remarks entered herewith.)
12	MS. CONNERY: Good afternoon. My name is Joyce
13	Connery, and I am the Chair of the Defense Nuclear
14	Facilities Safety Board. I will preside over today's
15	closed meeting. With me today are my colleagues on the
16	Board, Vice Chair Thomas Summers and Board Member Jessie
17	Roberson. We three constitute the Board.
18	Having established a quorum of Board members,
19	this closed meeting will now come to order. Mr. Kevin
20	Lyskowski, the Board's General Counsel, will serve as the
21	Board's Executive Secretary for the meeting.
22	This closed meeting was publicly announced on
23	July 3, 2023, on the Board's public website. This
24	meeting was subsequently noticed in the Federal Register
25	on July 12. The Board has closed the meeting to the

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- 1 public per the provisions of the Government in the
- 2 Sunshine Act, as well as the Board's regulations
- 3 implementing the Sunshine Act and the Board's operating
- 4 procedures for meetings.
- 5 This closed meeting concerns member
- 6 deliberations pertaining to the development and
- 7 formulation of potential Board recommendations to the
- 8 Secretary of Energy. The Board's compliance with
- 9 statutory provisions permitting closure of this meeting
- 10 has been stated in the Board's Federal Register notice.
- 11 Additional documentation related to this meeting is
- 12 available on our website, www.dnfsb.gov.
- 13 As a reminder to those who are in attendance
- 14 and Board employees who may later become privy to these
- 15 proceedings, the Board and its staff are prohibited from
- 16 publicly disclosing information described in draft or
- 17 final recommendations prior to the receipt of the final
- 18 recommendation by the Secretary of Energy. This
- 19 prohibition applies to information learned during the
- 20 course of this meeting or by review of the meeting
- 21 transcript, related documents, or from other sources.
- 22 Pursuant to the specific agenda, the Board will
- 23 deliberate on potential recommendations currently pending
- 24 before the Board. Following the discussion on each, I
- 25 will summarize the outcome of the discussion, and the

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- 1 Executive Secretary will summarize any staff taskings and
- 2 Board votes. After an opportunity for closing comments
- 3 from Board Members, the meeting will adjourn. This
- 4 concludes my opening remarks in my capacity as Chair
- 5 (Chair's opening remarks, submitted for
- 6 record, conclude.)
- 7 MS. CONNERY: Hearing no objection, we'll move
- 8 straight to Board Member comments and opening remarks,
- 9 starting with Vice Chair Summers.
- 10 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you, Chair Connery. This
- 11 is Vice Chair Tom Summers, and I have no opening remarks
- 12 or comments. Thank you.
- MS. CONNERY: Ms. Roberson.
- 14 MS. ROBERSON: Thank you, Chair Connery and
- 15 Fellow Board Member Summers, and I have no opening
- 16 comment -- oh, this is Board Member Roberson.
- 17 MS. CONNERY: So this is Chair Connery. I do
- 18 not have any opening remarks. We have a few agenda items
- 19 today, so I'll announce them as we go over them, and if
- 20 need to take a break, just signal to me to do so and we
- 21 can adjourn temporarily or break.

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