

**In the Matter of:**

**Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board**

*February 7, 2019*  
*Closed Board Meeting*

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6 Board's Opening Remarks None  
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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 CASEY BLAINE, Acting General Counsel  
9 ERIC FOX, Associate General Counsel  
10 CHRISTOPHER ROSCETTI, Technical Director  
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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: Good afternoon. We are on  
4 the record. Without objection, I will give my pro forma  
5 opening remarks to Ms. Quade to enter into her  
6 transcript and not read them, in the interest of time.  
7 Hearing none.  
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 Board members,  
16 this closed meeting will now come to order. Ms. Casey  
17 Blaine, the Board's Acting General Counsel, will serve  
18 as the Board's Executive Secretary for the meeting.  
19 This closed meeting was publicly announced on  
20 January 29th, 2019, on the Board's public website. This  
21 meeting was subsequently noticed in the Federal Register  
22 on January 31. The Board has closed the meeting to the  
23 public per the provisions of the Government in the  
24 Sunshine Act, as well as the Board's regulations  
25 implementing the Sunshine Act and the Board's operating

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

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

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

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1 adjourn.  
 2 That concludes my official Board opening  
 3 remarks, and I have no personal remarks.  
 4 Ms. Roberson, any remarks?  
 5 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: No comments,  
 6 Mr. Chairman.  
 7 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Mr. Santos?  
 8 BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: No remarks. Thank you.  
 9 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Ms. Connery?  
 10 BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: No remarks. Thank you.  
 11 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Okay. Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you. We are  
 7 adjourned.  
 8 (Whereupon, at 3:59 p.m., the meeting was  
 9 adjourned.)

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