

**In the Matter of:**

**Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board**

*August 8, 2019*  
*Closed Board Meeting*

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10 CLOSED BOARD MEETING  
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13 Thursday, August 8, 2019  
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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 CASEY BLAINE, Acting General Counsel  
8 ERIC FOX, Associate General Counsel  
9 CHRISTOPHER ROSCETTI, Technical Director  
10 KATHERINE HERRERA, Assistant 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 and in the interest of  
5 time, I will give my opening remarks as Chairman to  
6 Ms. Quade to enter into the transcript in lieu of  
7 reading them aloud. Hearing no objection, we will move  
8 straight to Board Member opening remarks.  
9 Good afternoon. My name is Bruce Hamilton and I  
10 am the Chairman of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety  
11 Board. I will preside over today's closed meeting.  
12 With me today are my colleagues on the Board, Board  
13 Member Jessie Roberson and Board Member Joyce Connery.  
14 We three constitute the 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 July 24, 2019, on the Board's public website. This  
21 meeting was subsequently noticed in the Federal Register  
22 on August 5. 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. This concludes my opening remarks in my  
 2 capacity as Chairman.  
 3 Ms. Roberson?  
 4 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: No opening remarks,  
 5 Mr. Chairman.  
 6 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Ms. Connery?  
 7 BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: No. No opening remarks.  
 8 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: And I have none.

9 The first item on our agenda is to review and  
 10 deliberate on   


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19 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Hearing none, we will move  
 20 to Board Member closing remarks. Ms. Roberson?  
 21 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: No, I think we're -- I  
 22 don't know, maybe aggrandizing, but I think we're doing  
 23 better at this, so I don't have any comments. I thank  
 24 the staff for their work and I thank the Board Members  
 25 for their time. I think the conversations are very

1 good. Thank you.  
 2 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you.  
 [REDACTED]

12 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you. My closing  
 13 remarks are similar, and I just want to thank all of you  
 14 for helping us work through this. This is a lot of  
 15 making sausage and it's never a pretty process, but it's  
 16 not lost on me how much work you do in putting all this  
 17 together. So thank you very much.  
 18 Those conclude my closing remarks. We are  
 19 adjourned.  
 20 (Whereupon, at 2:02 p m., the hearing was  
 21 adjourned.)  
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