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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

MAY 23, 2023

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## 1 A P P E A R A N C E S

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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, Deputy Technical Director

10 Richard Tontodonato, Associate Technical Director for

11 Nuclear Weapon Programs

12 Jonathan Plaue, Associate Technical Director for Nuclear

13 Facility Infrastructure and Projects

14 Todd Davis, Associate Technical Director for Nuclear

15 Programs and Analysis

16 Timothy Dwyer, Associate Technical Director for Nuclear

17 Materials Processing and Stabilization

18 Mark Bradisse, Technical Staff

19 Katie Heffner, Technical Staff

20 Megan Randby, Technical Staff

21 Rosa Wu, Technical Staff

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(1:02 p.m. Eastern)

MS. CONNERY: My name is Joyce Connery, and I am the Chair of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. We are on the record, and I call this meeting to order. Without objection and in the interest of time, I will give my opening remarks as Chair to the court reporter to enter into the transcript in lieu of reading them aloud.

(Chair's opening remarks entered herewith.)

Good afternoon. My name is Joyce Connery, and I am the Chair of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. I will preside over today's closed meeting. With me today are my colleagues on the Board, Vice Chair Thomas Summers and Board Member Jessie Roberson. We three constitute the Board.

Having established a quorum of Board members, this closed meeting will now come to order. Mr. Kevin Lyskowski, the Board's General Counsel, will serve as the Board's Executive Secretary for the meeting.

This closed meeting was publicly announced on May 10, 2023, on the Board's public website. This meeting was subsequently noticed in the Federal Register on May 22. 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](http://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 will  
8 move straight to Board Member opening remarks, starting  
9 with the Vice Chair, Mr. Summers.

10 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you, Chair Connery. I have  
11 no opening remarks. Thank you, Chair Connery.

12 MS. CONNERY: Thank you, sir.

13 Ms. Roberson, would you have any opening  
14 remarks to share?

15 MS. ROBERSON: Thank you, Chair. I do not have  
16 any opening remarks.

17 MS. CONNERY: And I also do not have any  
18 opening remarks. So at this time, we're going to address  
19 the first item of our agenda, which is [REDACTED]

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10 MS. CONNERY: Okay. Seeing none, I will now

11 turn to my fellow Board Members for their closing

12 remarks, and then I will end with my remarks.

13 Mr. Summers.

14 MR. SUMMERS: First of all, I would like to

15 thank the team. I appreciate all the hard work that has

16 gone into [REDACTED] that hopefully we will

17 collectively be able to make a positive influence under

18 your lead to be safer, [REDACTED].

19 So thanks for the discussion, thanks for your

20 candid remarks, and I look forward to seeing [REDACTED]

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█ [REDACTED] Thank you.

23 MS. CONNERY: Yes, sir.

24 Ms. Roberson.

25 MS. ROBERSON: Thank you, Chair Connery, Mr.

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1 Summers, and thank you to the whole staff, the team. I  
 2 think we have the opportunity to get a really good  
 3 recommendation, and I think it's one that will definitely  
 4 provide some positive reaction. So I thank you guys for  
 5 your work that you put in, because I know you put in a  
 6 lot of work, and I'm going to be willing to move forward.

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20 I echo everybody's remarks about the hard work.  
 21 I did want to give a shout out to Eric and Kevin and the  
 22 team for putting together the closed meeting for us  
 23 today, and we're doing this without the work of a --  
 24 without our little transcriber in the room, but hopefully  
 25 we were clear enough in our enunciation that they can

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1 understand us and we'll have a transcript of the meeting.

2 And I appreciate the fact that you guys are  
3 willing to dialogue with us when we ask our questions and  
4 recognize the spirit in which they're asked and help  
5 educate us on things that we don't know. It's important  
6 for us to get this to the best place possible to persuade  
7 DOE to do the right thing, which is why we're all here.

8 And with that, this concludes the closed  
9 meeting of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.  
10 We are now adjourned.

11 (Whereupon, the closed meeting was adjourned  
12 at 2:47 p.m. Eastern)

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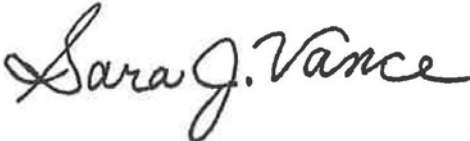
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