

In the Matter of:

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

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Closed Board Meeting

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S
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3 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Good afternoon. My name is
4 Bruce Hamilton, and I am the Chairman of the Defense
5 Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. I will preside over
6 today's closed meeting. With me today are my colleagues
7 on the Board, Board Member Jessie Roberson, Board Member
8 Daniel Santos and Board Member Joyce Connery. We four
9 constitute the Board.
10 Having established a quorum of Board members,
11 this closed meeting will now come to order. Mr. Joseph
12 Gilman, the Board's Acting General Counsel, will serve
13 as the Board's Executive Secretary for the meeting.
14 This closed meeting was publicly announced on
15 October 24, 2018, on the Board's public website. This
16 meeting was subsequently noticed in the Federal Register
17 on November 1. The Board has closed the meeting to the
18 public per the provisions of the Government and the
19 Sunshine Act, as well as the Board's regulations
20 implementing the Sunshine Act, and the Board's operating
21 procedures for meetings.
22 This closed meeting concerns member
23 deliberations pertaining to the development and
24 formulation of potential Board recommendations to the
25 Secretary of Energy. The Board's compliance with

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1 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 DANIEL J. SANTOS, Board Member
7 JOYCE L. CONNERY, 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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1 statutory provisions permitting closure of this meeting
2 has been stated in the Board's Federal Register notice.
3 Additional documentation related to this meeting is
4 available on our website www.DNFSB.gov.
5 As a reminder to those who are in attendance and
6 Board employees who may later become privy to these
7 proceedings, the Board and its staff are prohibited from
8 publicly disclosing information described in draft or
9 final recommendations prior to the receipt of the final
10 recommendation by the Secretary of Energy. This
11 prohibition applies to information learned during the
12 course of this meeting or by review of the meeting
13 transcript, related documents, or from other sources.
14 Pursuant to the specific agenda, the Board will
15 deliberate on potential recommendations currently
16 pending before the Board. Following the discussion on
17 each, I will summarize the outcome of the discussion and
18 the Executive Secretary will summarize any staff
19 taskings and Board votes. After an opportunity for
20 closing comments from Board members, the meeting will
21 adjourn.
22 This concludes my opening remarks in my capacity
23 as Chairman. And we don't have an Executive Secretary,
24 so who is filling that role?
25 MR. GILMAN: That's me. I act as the --

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1 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: I make a note that the --
2 instead -- I'll appoint that the Executive Secretary
3 role will be filled by the Acting General Counsel.

4 I will now turn to Board members for their
5 opening remarks. Ms. Roberson?

6 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: No opening remarks,
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Okay. Mr. Santos?

9 BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: No opening remarks.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: And Ms. Connery?

11 BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: No opening remarks.

12 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you, Ms. Connery.

13 This concludes the Board's opening remarks. At
14 this time, we will begin the first order of business on
15 the agenda,

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3 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Are there any closing
4 remarks? We'll go around the room here.
5 Ms. Roberson?
6 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: One closing remark. I
7 think next time we should try for an hour, because we
8 can eat up every minute we schedule. That's it. I'm
9 done. No other comments.
10 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Okay. Mr. Santos?
11 BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: I'm going to reply to that
12 by saying there's a law, what is it Parkinson's Law or
13 something like that, any task will take at least the
14 allotted time. So if you schedule one hour, we'll get
15 an hour; you schedule two, we'll take two; you schedule
16 three, we'll take three.
17 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: That's true.
18 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Anything else?
19 BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: No, thank you.
20 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Ms. Connery?
21 BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: So I just wanted to
22 state, I prefer us to maintain our work at a strategic
23 level. I know that there's some wordsmithing that has
24 to be done when there's issues of conflict over
25 strategic issues, but we ought to be able to get into a

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1 situation in which we can rely on our senior staff to
 2 put forward language that we can agree with for the most
 3 part without putting our individual stylistic twists on
 4 everything, because I think that, A, wastes our time as
 5 Board members, and we have very expensive senior staff
 6 that can wordsmith the heck out of anything, including a
 7 tech editor. So I would just rather see our time spent
 8 on more strategic fundamental issues. Personally.

9 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you. As a reminder,
 10 the Board and its staff are prohibited from publicly
 11 disclosing information described in draft or final
 12 recommendations. This prohibition applies to
 13 information learned during the course of this meeting or
 14 by review of the meeting transcript, related documents
 15 or from other sources. The prohibition shall remain in
 16 effect until receipt of a final recommendation by the
 17 Secretary of Energy, or the Board otherwise makes an
 18 affirmative decision to release information.

19 This concludes the closed meeting. We are
 20 adjourned.

21 (Whereupon, at 3:54 p.m., the closed meeting was
 22 adjourned.)
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