



Resolutions Arising from the 12 September 2023 Gemini Board Meeting

Introduction

The Board met via videoconference on 12 September 2023 to discuss the FY2024 Program Operating Plan (POP) for the Gemini Observatory and approve the FY2024 operating budget.

The Board Resolutions below are for public release.

RESOLUTIONS

2023.B.1. The Board notes NOIRLab's FY2024 Program Operating Plan (POP) and recommends it for submission to NSF.

2023.B.2. The Board notes the reported FY 2023 O&M and IDF spending for Q3 and forecast for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2023.B.3. The Board approves the requested O&M and IDF budgets for FY2024 as follows:

	US \$
Operations & Maintenance (Oct 1, 2023 – Sep 30, 2024)	\$38,583,523
Instrument Development Fund ((Oct 1, 2023 – Sep 30, 2024)	\$6,363,289
Total (Oct 1, 2023 – Sep 30, 2024)	\$44,946,812

2023.B.4. The Gemini Board acknowledges and thanks NSF for the 2023 supplemental funding awards to Gemini Observatory/NOIRLab to support the Gemini-N mirror repairs, the photovoltaic power system for Gemini-S, the Windows on the Universe award for TDA management and acquisition software, and Chilean projects related to increased inflation in Chile.

2023.B.5. The Board acknowledges the uncertainty in the inflation-related escalation of NSF's 2024 partner contributions to the Gemini Observatory O&M and IDF. By mutual agreement, the Board resolves that the 2024A and 2024B observing share calculations shall assume that the U.S. will deliver a 3% escalation in 2024.

Action Items:

B1. This action item is to inform the Board about the on-going status of the Gemini Staff and budget in relation to the aggressive IDF FY23 spending plan. The Board requests a high-level breakdown of the carry-forward funding within the Gemini Budget specifically separating O&M from IDF. We reaffirm here the O&M dollar carry-forward floor to be set at 45 days as per Board's past directives. Additionally, the Board request a 1-slide summary each quarter during FY2024 showing progress against planned milestones, specifically contract payments and staff hiring, vacancies, and departures. This should include planned vs. actual budget and staff numbers.



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B2. The Gemini Board would like to see a new agreed upon delivery schedule with the Observatory for the POP draft, financial report, and budget forecasts going forward. The Partners are concerned that the current timespan between delivery and approval provides inadequate time for Agencies to be consulted. Under such circumstances the Board requires a minimum of two weeks with the material ahead of the Finance Committee and Board meetings.

B3. The Gemini Board would like to see a quarterly update of IDF spending containing the total planned cost of each development project, what contingency each project is carrying, and the progress of costs and payments against the planned schedule.