

BASIS FOR CLOSING
MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD
AND THE COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY
ON AUGUST 15, 2019

On August 8, 2019, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the following two teleconference meetings. First is the Committee on Strategy (CS), scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 9:00 to 9:15 a.m. EDT. Second is the teleconference meeting of the National Science Board (NSB) on Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. EDT.

Board Members Drs. Córdova, Souvaine, Ochoa, Phillips, and Zuber participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted “yes” to close the teleconferences.

The agenda of the CS teleconference is: Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; and Discussion of NSF’s FY 2021 OMB Budget Submission.

The agenda of the NSB teleconference is: NSB Chair’s Opening Remarks; and presentation and vote on 2021 Budget Submissions to the Office of Management and Budget for the National Science Foundation, the National Science Board and the Office of the Inspector General.

The Committee Members, senior NSF Office of the Director and Program staff, Executive Secretaries, NSBO Executive Officer, Committee Liaison, Board Counsel, and senior NSBO staff are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The attached certificate provides the justification for closing the meeting.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meetings of the Committee on Strategy and the National Science Board scheduled for August 15, 2019 may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k) regarding the disclosure of budget information for upcoming fiscal years.

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