## BASIS FOR CLOSING COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES ON JANUARY 26, 2021

On January 14, 2021, the Executive Committee (EC) of the National Science Board voted to close the videoconference meeting of the Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F), scheduled for January 26, 2021 from 12:00—1:00 p.m. EST. EC Members Drs. Panchanthan, Ochoa, McCrary, Phillips, and Zuber voted "yes" to close the teleconference. The agenda is: Chair's opening remarks, Discussion of Mid-scale Research Infrastructure Track 2 awards, and Chair's closing remarks.

The Board Members, Committee Executive Secretaries and National Science Board Office staff including the Executive Officer, Liaison, and Board Counsel are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

## **CERTIFICATE**

It is my opinion that the videoconference meeting of the A&F Committee, scheduled for January 26, 2021 may properly be closed to the public under 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

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