

BASIS FOR CLOSING  
COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES  
ON JULY 19, 2021

On July 8, 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 July 19, 2021, from 12:00—1:00 p.m. EDT. EC Members Drs. Panchanthan, Ochoa, McCrary, and Phillips participated and voted “yes” to close the teleconference. The agenda is: Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks; discussion of context of the Arecibo Observatory clean-up costs award; and Committee Chair’s Closing Remarks.

The Board Members, Committee Executive Secretaries, National Science Board Office staff including the Executive Officer, Liaison, and Board Counsel, and senior staff from the Office of the Director and Geosciences Directorate 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 July 19, 2021, may properly be closed to the public under 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (c) (6).

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