BASIS FOR CLOSING MEETINGS COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY JULY 30, 2021, AND COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES AUGUST 3, 2021

On July 21, 2021, the Executive Committee (EC) of the National Science Board voted to close the videoconference meetings of the Committee on Strategy (CS), scheduled for July 30, 2021, and the Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F), scheduled for August 3, 2021. EC Members Drs. Panchanthan, Ochoa, and Phillips participated and voted "yes" to close the teleconference.

The agenda of the CS meeting is: Committee Chair's Opening Remarks; Discussion of NSF's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

The agenda of the A&F meeting is: Committee Chair's Opening Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; Action Item: Rubin Observatory Management Reserve; Action Item: Arecibo Observatory Clean-up Costs Award; 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 Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate are expected to attend the closed teleconference meetings. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the meeting of the CS, scheduled for July 30, 2021, may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k) (disclosure of budget information prior to Congressional submission), and the meeting of the A&F Committee, scheduled for August 3, 2021, may properly be closed to the public under 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k) (disclosure of budget information prior to Congressional submission).

