BASIS FOR CLOSING MEETING COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES ON NOVEMBER 4, 2022

On October 24, 2022, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB) voted to close a videoconference meeting of Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F), scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2022. Executive Committee Members Panchanathan, Reed, Gil, and Phillips voted "yes" to close the teleconference.

The agenda of the A&F teleconference is: Committee Chair's Opening Remarks; Antarctic research infrastructure strategy, including long-range budget, personnel, safety, and communications matters

The Committee Members and National Science Board Office staff including the Executive Officer, Executive Secretaries, Committee Liaisons and Board Counsel, senior members of the Office of Director staff including the Chief Officer for Research Facilities, senior leadership in the Directorate of Geosciences, and senior members of the Office of Budget, Finance, and Award Management are expected to attend the closed meeting. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the A&F meeting may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), regarding trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information; 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k), regarding the disclosure of budget information for upcoming fiscal years; and 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (2), regarding internal personnel rules and practices.

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