BASIS FOR CLOSING NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 29, 2016

On June 21, 2016 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the National Science Board scheduled for Wednesday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Board Members Drs. Córdova, Zuber, Souvaine, Jackson and Peterson participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted "yes" to close the teleconference. The agenda of the teleconference is: (1) NSB Chair's opening remarks; (2) NSF remarks; (3) Discussion and Board action regarding project budget for NEON; and (4) NSB Chair's closing remarks.

The Board Members, NSB Executive Secretary and National Science Board Office staff including the Executive Officer and Board Counsel, and senior OD and BIO division staff 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 teleconference meeting of the National Science Board, scheduled for June 29, 2016 may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (4) regarding the disclosure of trade secrets and commercial or financial information.

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