

BASIS FOR CLOSING
A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES
ON JULY 13, 2017

On June 29, 2017, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F), scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 1:00 to 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 participating voted “yes” to close the teleconference. The agenda of the teleconference is: Committee Chair’s opening remarks; and discussion of NEON’s Science, Technology, & Education Advisory Committee’s assessment of budget scenarios for NEON operations & maintenance.

The Board Members, senior NSF Office of the Director and Program staff, Executive Secretaries, NSBO Executive Officer, Committee Liaisons, Board Counsel, and senior NSBO staff are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The attached certificate provides the justification for closing the meeting.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the Committee on Awards and Facilities, scheduled for July 13, 2017 may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (4) regarding trade secrets and confidential commercial and financial information, and 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k) regarding the disclosure of budget information for upcoming fiscal years.

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