<u>BASIS FOR CLOSING</u> <u>A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD</u> <u>ON AUGUST 30, 2018</u>

On August 22, 2018, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board (NSB) voted to close the teleconference meeting of the NSB, scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. EDT. Board Members Drs. Córdova, Souvaine, Jackson, Ochoa, and Peterson participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee and voted "yes" to close the teleconference. The agenda of the teleconference is: Chair's remarks; discussion of the draft report on midscale projects.

The Committee Members, senior NSF Office of the Director and Program staff, Executive Secretary, NSBO Executive Officer, 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 NSB, scheduled for August 30, 2018 may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k) regarding the disclosure of budget information for upcoming fiscal years.

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