## BASIS FOR CLOSING COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES ON DECEMBER 19, 2018

On December 11, 2018 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 December 19, 2018 at 1 - 2:00 p.m. EST. Board Members Drs. Souvaine, Ochoa, 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 opening remarks; discussion of options for proceeding with plans for Antarctic Infrastructure Modernization for Science (AIMS).

The Board Members, Committee Executive Secretary and National Science Board Office staff including the Executive Officer, Liaison, and Board Counsel 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 A&F Committee, scheduled for December 19, 2018 may properly be closed to the public under 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

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