<u>BASIS FOR CLOSING</u> <u>A MEETING OF THE NSB COMMITTEE ON STRATEGY</u> <u>ON MARCH 15, 2019</u>

On March 6, 2019, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the Committee on Strategy, scheduled for Friday March 15, 2019 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. EDT. Board Members Drs. Córdova, Souvaine, Jackson, Ochoa, 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: Committee's Chair's remarks; Update on NSF's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

The Committee Members, senior NSF Office of the Director and BFA staff, Executive Secretaries, NSBO Executive Officer, Committee Liaison, 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 Strategy, scheduled for March 15, 2019 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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