

BASIS FOR CLOSING  
COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES  
ON APRIL 27, 2021

On April 19, 2021, the Executive Committee (EC) of the National Science Board voted to close the videoconference meeting of the Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F), scheduled for April 27, 2021 from 4:00—5:00 p.m. EDT. EC Members Drs. Panchanthan, Ochoa, McCrary, Phillips, and Richmond voted “yes” to close the teleconference. The agenda is: Chair’s opening remarks, discussion of context of the National Ecological Observatory Network Operations and Management award extension, and Chair’s closing remarks.

The Board Members, Committee Executive Secretaries, National Science Board Office staff including the Executive Officer, Liaison, and Board Counsel, and senior staff from the Office of the Director and Biological Sciences Directorate 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 videoconference meeting of the A&F Committee, scheduled for April 27, 2021 may properly be closed to the public under 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (c) (6).

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