

**Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
Committee on Awards and Facilities Meeting on
December 7, 2021**

On November 30, 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 December 7, 2021, from 12:00—1:30 p.m. EST. EC Members Drs. Panchanthan, Ochoa, Gil, and Phillips participated and voted “yes” to close the teleconference. The agenda is: Committee Chair’s Opening Remarks; approval of prior meeting minutes; information item—Regional Class Research Vessels; information item—Annual Report of the Chief Officer for Research Infrastructure; action item—Rubin Observatory Rebaseline.

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, the CORF, and senior facilities advisors from GEO and MPS 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 this meeting may properly be closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b (c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k) (disclosure of budget information prior to Congressional submission) and 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) (confidential commercial and financial information, trade secrets).

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