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Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on December 8-9, 2021

On November 30, 2021, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the December 2021 meetings of the National Science Board. Executive Committee members Drs. Panchanathan, Ochoa, Gil, and Phillips, voted “yes” to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

For the closed meetings of the Board, the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Assistant Directors, senior OD staff members, Office Heads, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, the applicable Executive Secretaries and NSBO staff may attend in addition to the Board members. Staff preparing a presentation or who are needed to answer questions may be invited to attend. For the executive closed agenda items, only the NSF Chief Operating Officer, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, and Executive Secretary may attend. The Board Chair or Committee Chair may allow other necessary or appropriate attendees or restrict attendance further.

C E R T I F I C A T E

It is my opinion that the discussions in the following meetings of the National Science Board and its subdivisions may properly be closed for the reasons given.

Plenary closed NSB session to be held December 9, 2021. Closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; Director's Remarks, including Agency Operating Status and Research Security; A&F Closed Committee Report and Vote on Rubin Observatory Rebaseline Action. Committee on Strategy Closed Committee Report and Discussion and Vote on the Sense of the Board Statement on the Strategic Plan; Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation and Partnerships (S-TIP) Report and Discussion; and Vote to enter Executive Session. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) (confidential commercial and financial information, trade secrets), and 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k) (disclosure of budget information prior to Congressional submission).

Executive session closed agenda items include: NSB Chair's Remarks; Approval of Prior Minutes; Director's Discussion, including an Update on the Status of TIP; and the 2020 NSB Honorary Awards and Vote. Items to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) (confidential commercial and financial information, trade secrets) and (6) (personal privacy), and 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k) (disclosure of budget information prior to Congressional submission).

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