

**Basis for Closing the July 26, 2007 Teleconference of the National Science Board
ad hoc Committee on Nominations for the Class of 2008-2014**

From July 24, 2007 through July 26, 2007, the National Science Board (NSB) voted:

- to close the July 26, 2007 teleconference of the NSB *ad hoc* Committee on Nominations for the class of 2008-2014 to the public after determining that the teleconference is likely to disclose, relate to, involve, or concern information of a personal nature that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and/or would be solely related to the internal personnel rules and practices of the agency;
- that agency business required publication of the notice less than a week prior to the meeting because the schedule of the meeting was only finalized on July 24, 2007; and
- that publication of the meeting notice on July 24, 2007 occurred at the earliest practical time.

Members Abbott, Arvizu, Barish, Beering, Bement, Benbow, Bowen, Bruer, Clough, Droegemeier, Ford, Galloway, Griffiths, Hastings, Hess, Hoffman, Lanzerotti, Leshner, Randall, Reilly, Strauss, Sullivan, Taylor, Thompson, and Vasquez participated in the vote through an e-mail polling of the Board. No Member voted against the closure of this meeting.

The Board Members, the Board's Executive Officer, National Science Board Office staff, and selected NSF staff will participate in this teleconference.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the July 26, 2007 teleconference meeting of the National Science Board's (NSB) *ad hoc* Committee on Nominations, to discuss candidates for NSB Membership, may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2) and (6).

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