

**Basis for Closing the August 4, 2006 Meeting of the National Science Board  
Committee on Strategy and Budget**

On July 19-26, 2006, The National Science Board voted to close the August 4, 2006 teleconference meeting of the NSB Committee on Strategy and Budget after determining that the meeting is likely to disclose information about the National Science Foundation's fiscal year 2008 budget prior to the President's submission of that budget to Congress.

Drs. Arvizu, Barish, Beering, Bowen, Clough, Droegemeier, Ford, Hastings, Hoffman, Lanzerotti, Leshner, Randall, and Strauss 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 attend this meeting.

## CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the meeting of the National Science Board's Committee on Strategy and Budget, scheduled for August 4, 2006, having to do with the National Science Foundation's FY 2008 budget submission to the Office of Management and Budget, may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (3) and 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (k).

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