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March 3, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the February 23–24, 2021 Meeting

This memorandum is made publicly available for any interested parties to review. The minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the February 2021 meeting will also be posted on the National Science Board's (Board) public website (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>) following Board approval.

The major actions and approvals at the Board's 471st meeting were:

1. The Board passed a resolution (**NSB-2021-6**) authorizing the Director to make two awards under the Mid-scale Research Infrastructure-2 program.
2. The Board passed a resolution (**NSB-2021-7**) authorizing the Director to award additional funds toward completion of the Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST).
3. The Board approved a statement (**NSB-2021-8**) on training to improve peer reviewing and address unconscious bias in the merit review process.
4. The Board approved a statement (**NSB-2021-9**) in support of having at least one expert on Broader Impacts serve on Committee of Visitors panels.
5. The Board passed a resolution (**NSB-2021-10**) requesting the Director to implement policies to maximize reviewers' preparedness to fulfill their role in the merit review process. A status report to the Board is due in one year.
6. The Board passed a resolution (**NSB-2021-11**) requesting the Director develop a plan to ensure that there is appropriate Broader Impacts expertise on Committee of Visitors panels. A status report is due to the Board in one year.
7. Geraldine Richmond was elected to the Board's Executive Committee to serve out the remainder of Maria Zuber's term.
8. The Board constituted the *ad hoc* Committee on Nominations.
9. The Chair constituted the 2022 Subcommittee on Honorary Awards.

/s/

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Executive Officer