

**NSB-2021-44**  
December 9, 2021

**MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD**

**SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the December 8-9, 2021 Meeting**

This memorandum is made publicly available for any interested parties to review. The minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the December 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 476<sup>th</sup> meeting were:

1. The Board passed a resolution (**NSB-2021-43**) authorizing the Director to award additional funds to cover cost and schedule increases related to the COVID-19 pandemic and new data security requirements affecting the construction and commissioning of Vera C. Rubin Observatory.
2. The Board voted to endorse the strategic goals and objectives outlined in the NSF's 2022-2026 strategic plan and requests that NSF report annually to the Board on progress toward achieving it. (**NSB-2021-42**).
3. The Board voted to reapprove the 2020 Merit Review Digest and to approve the NSB's Overview of the 2020 Merit Review Digest.

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