

**Alabama Space Authority
Meeting
August 3, 2023
U.S. Space and Rocket Center – Huntsville, AL**

Call to Order:

10:00 A.M.

Welcome and Remarks

Chairman Givhan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Present: 9

Senator Sam Givhan, Chair

Dr. Kimberly Robinson, Vice Chair

Dr. William T. Hutto

Mr. Luther Roberts

Mr. Frank Farmer for Mr. John Cooper

Major General (Ret.) Tim Crosby

Mr. Taylor Nichols for Mr. Bill Poole (joined virtually)

Ms. Jennifer Lee for Mr. Kenneth W. Boswell

Dr. Dale Thomas for Dr. Charles Karr

Visitors: 10

Shonda Gray

Robert Wright

Carrie Olden

Michael Ward

Henry Thornton

Kay Taylor

Robert LaBranche

Ellis Brazeal

Lucia Cape (joined virtually)

Tyler Kitterman (joined virtually)

Minutes

Motion to approve by Dr. William T. Hutto.

Seconded by Mr. Frank Farmer.

Vote called – Unanimous.

Reports and Presentations:

Presentation by Dr. Kimberly Robinson, CEO/Executive Director, U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Dr. Robinson provided an update on the progress of the U.S Space and Rocket Center. Space Camp is back to 100% capacity this year, up from 25% in 2020; 50% in 2021; and 75% in 2022. Dr. Robinson has led efforts to develop the Center’s first strategic plan to assess the

current financial situation; make progress towards maintaining a sustainable business model; excel at guests' experience; provide immersive camps; maximize the Planetarium's impact; foster lifelong learning; and preserve historic artifacts. She highlighted that public-private partnerships have been essential in the Center's development. Dr. Robinson gave brief overviews of Space Camp, Space Academy for Educators, Space Academy for Leading Students in Alabama, and STEM Education Outreach. The U.S. Space and Rocket Center is looking ahead at development of a new connector building and education expo for additional space and to be used in workforce development.

New Business:

Dr. Robinson presented a Resolution honoring Ms. Jody Singer on her retirement as the Director of Marshall Space Flight Center. The Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote.

The Resolution is attached.

Next Meeting:

The date for the next meeting has not been determined.

Adjourn:

10:44 A.M.