Alabama Space Authority
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.
Alabama State Capitol Auditorium
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dr. Kimberly Robinson, Vice Chair, presiding and Ms. Jennifer Lee, Energy Division Chief with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), recording the minutes.

Prior notice of the meeting was given on February 13, 2025, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Call to Order:
Vice Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and requested that Ms. Lee conduct the roll call.

Roll Call
Members Present: 8
Dr. Kimberly Robinson, Vice Chair
Dr. William T. Hutto
Dr. Daniel Wims
Mr. Kenneth W. Boswell
Mr. Taylor Nichols for Mr. Bill Poole
Mr. Luther Roberts
Dr. Charles Karr
Senator Chris Elliott
Members Absent: 4
Senator Sam Givhan
Mr. John Cooper
Major General Tim Crosby
Ms. Ellen McNair

With 8 members in attendance, Ms. Lee confirmed a quorum has been met.

Visitors: 9
Jennifer Lee
Daphne Ball
Mr. Robert La Branche

Welcome and Remarks
Vice Chair Kimberly Robinson welcomed the members and visitors.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Vice Chair Robinson asked if there is a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on November 20, 2024. Mr. Boswell made a motion to approve the minutes. Taylor Nichols

seconded the motion. Vice Chair Robinson asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, Vice Chair Robinson asked all in favor of approving the minutes to say aye. The members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Reports and Presentations:

Presentation by Mr. Joseph Pelfrey, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center- Mr. Pelfrey provided insights into both current initiatives and future plans at the Marshall Space Flight Center, which has been operational for 65 years. The center plays a key role in advancing Alabama's leadership in space exploration by fostering strong partnerships, including one with Kennedy Space Center. He highlighted several upcoming projects, such as cargo missions and human landings. The Artemis program will roll out in phases—starting with Artemis I, which will carry cargo into space. If successful, Artemis II will follow with a crewed mission around the Moon. Subsequent missions—Artemis III, IV, V, and beyond—will expand on these efforts, focusing on further cargo transport and preparing for human exploration of Mars. Mr. Pelfrey also emphasized the economic significance of the Space Flight Center to the state. The program supports over 35,400 jobs and has secured more than $8 billion in funding for space-related projects. It has also generated at least $265 million in state tax revenue and over $2.7 billion in state procurement revenue. Ultimately, the goal is to maintain Alabama's position at the forefront of space exploration while inspiring the next generation to pursue careers in the field.

Presentation by Ms. Loral O'Hara, Astronaut- Ms. O'Hara highlighted Alabama's leadership in the nation's human spaceflight efforts, emphasizing the state's role in advancing the technologies, expertise, and infrastructure that will help position the U.S. as a global leader in space exploration, including missions to the Moon and Mars. She also discussed the vital partnerships between public and private sectors, stressing how collaboration is essential for driving both technological innovation and economic growth.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: May-2025 Auburn, AL

Adjourn: With no other business, Vice Chair Robinson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Boswell motioned. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. Vice Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B. Lee 5-2-2025
Jennifer B. Lee, Recording Secretary Date

Minutes approved by: 5-2-25
Senator Sam Givhan, Chairman Date