**Minutes**

**Alabama Space Authority**

**Meeting

January 11, 2022**

Alabama State House – Montgomery

**Call to Order:**
10:05 A.M.

**Welcome and Remarks**

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Present: 9
Dr. Dale Thomas
Dr. William T. Hutto, Jr. (joined virtually)

Dr. Daniel K. Wims (joined virtually)

Kenneth W. Boswell

Frank Farmer (joined virtually)

Major General (Ret.) Tim Crosby

Luther Roberts, Jr.

Senator Steve Livingston, Chair

Senator Tom Whatley, Vice Chair

Visitors: **7**

Elaine Fincannon

Robert La Branche

Shonda Gray

Dr. Kimberly Robinson

Chad Hill (joined virtually)

Chris Nie (joined virtually)

Mike Ward (joined virtually)

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Motion to approve by General Crosby.

Second by Senator Whatley.

Vote called – unanimous.

**Reports and Presentations**

 **Presentation by Luther Roberts, Jr., Chief Operating Officer, Port of Huntsville.** Mr. Roberts gave a PowerPoint Presentation with updates on Sierra Nevada’s Dream Chaser, a next generation space vehicle. Huntsville International Airport wants to become the first commercial service airport to land a space vehicle. Runway testing has been completed and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) licensing process has begun.

The presentation is attached.

**Question by Dr. Dale Thomas:**

Will the Space Authority members be notified if the FAA approves vehicle operation?

**Response by Mr. Roberts:**

Yes.

**Presentation by Dr. Kimberly Robinson, Chief Executive Officer, U.S. Space and Rocket Center (USSRC).** The USSRC is Alabama’s number one paid tourist attraction. The USSRC is the largest spaceflight museum in the world and is home to the largest single space camp. Space Camp has over 1 million alumni. Youth from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and over 150 countries have attended Space Camp. The Space Academy for Leading Students of Alabama (SALSA) was established in 2016. Every legislative district can send one boy and one girl to Space Camp through SALSA.

The presentation is attached.

**Questions:**

No questions.

**Next Meeting**The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at the University of Alabama.

**Adjourn**10:42 A.M.