Alabama Space Authority
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.
Alabama State House
11 South Union Street, Room 807
Montgomery, AL 36130

Senator Sam Givhan, Chairman, presiding and Ms. Shonda Gray, Special Projects Unit Chief with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), recording the minutes.

Prior notice of the meeting was given on February 28, 2024 in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Call to Order:
Chairman Givhan called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M. and requested that Ms. Gray conduct the roll call.

Roll Call
Members Present: 7
Senator Sam Givhan, Chair
Dr. Kimberly Robinson, Vice Chair
Mr. Kenneth W. Boswell
Mr. Frank Farmer for Mr. John Cooper (joined virtually)
Mr. Jordan Howard for Mr. Bill Poole
Mr. Luther Roberts
Dr. Dale Thomas for Dr. Charles Karr

Members Absent: 5
Major General (Ret.) Tim Crosby
Senator Chris Elliott
Dr. William T. Hutto, Jr
Ms. Ellen McNair
Dr. Daniel Wims

With seven members in attendance, Ms. Gray confirmed a quorum has been met.

Visitors: 13
Ashley Toole
Jennifer Lee
Shonda Gray
Joe Rice
Tom Koshut
Robert Lindquist
Megah Green
Carrie Olden
Taylor Nichols
Annabel Martinson
Todd May
Michaela Hemming
David Robinson

Welcome and Remarks
Chairman Givhan welcomed the members and visitors.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
Chairman Givhan asked if there is a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on August 3, 2023.

Dr. Dale Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Luther Roberts seconded the motion. Chairman Givhan asked if there was any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Givhan asked all in favor of approving the minutes to say aye. The members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Reports and Presentations:

Presentation by Director Joseph Pelfrey with the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center - Mr. Pelfrey introduced a video on how the Flight Center has contributed to the country's space program and the positive impact of their activities on the State of Alabama. He shared that the Flight Center is seeking to strengthen their partnership with education institutions, the government, and NASA and described future goals which include solar cell technology and the sustained presence on the moon.

Presentation by Mr. Joe Rice with the Alabama Chapter of the Aerospace States Association - Mr. Rice provided an overview of the two-week **Aerospace Internship Program** offered to high school and college students pursuing careers in the aerospace industry. Mr. Rice stated that scholarships were available from funding provided by the Huntsville National Space Club.

Presentation by Dr. Kimberly Robinson, CEO/Executive Director of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center - Dr. Robinson stated that the center is currently hiring assets to grow the program and take education on the road. This year, they are targeting Russell and Monroe Counties. Also, she is excited about Space Camp and their latest offering for programming with learning activities for adults of all ages. Lastly, the center is focused on a new long-term project to construct a connector between the original building and Satellite Hall.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting:
July in Huntsville, Alabama.

Adjourn:
With no other business, Chairman Givhan adjourned the meeting at 10:04 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B. Lee 7-31-2024
Jennifer B. Lee, Recording Secretary Date

Minutes approved by: 7-31-24
Senator Sam Givhan, Chairman Date