Alabama Space Authority
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2025 at 2:30 P.M.
U.S. Space & Rocket Center Boardroom
Huntsville, AL

Senator Sam Givhan, 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 April 24, 2025, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Call to Order:
Chairman Givhan called the meeting to order at 2:32 P.M. and requested that Ms. Lee conduct the roll call.

Roll Call
Members Present: 10
Senator Sam Givhan, Chairman
Dr. Kimberly Robinson, Vice Chair
Dr. William T. Hutto
Dr. Daniel Wims
Lt. Gen. Thomas Todd
Mr. Luther Roberts
Ms. Jennifer Lee for Mr. Kenneth Boswell
Dr. Charles Karr
Mr. Frank Farmer for Mr. John Cooper
Mr. Bob Smith for Ms. Ellen McNair (Virtual)

Members Absent: 2
Mr. Bill Poole
Senator Chris Elliott

With 10 members in attendance, Ms. Lee confirmed a quorum has been met.

Visitors: 5
Ms. Daphne Ball-Virtual
Mr. Robert La Branche
Mr. Burke Hare
Mr. Damon Feltman
Dr. Dale Thomas

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 February 25, 2025. Dr. Wims made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Karr 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 Brig. Gen (ret) Damon Felton, Space Force Association (SFA)- Mr. Damon, the Local Chapter President of the SFA, attended U.S. Space Camp in 1984 and 1985. He explained that the SFA is a 501(c) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting NASA, U.S. Space Command, and U.S. national space power. The organization focuses on three core areas: research, information dissemination, and advocacy.

Presentation by Mr. Burke Hare, Space Development Agency (SDA)- Mr. Hare, the SDA-South Site Director at Redstone Arsenal, gave an overview of the Space Development Agency (SDA) and its mission. He explained the agency's motto, "Semper Citius," which means "Always Faster," reflecting their goal to stay ahead of growing threats because warfighters rely on their speed and accuracy. Mr. Hare described SDA's plans to use space-based systems for Beyond-Line-Of-Sight (BLOS) targeting of urgent ground, sea, and air threats, including hypersonic and advanced missiles. These systems are built to detect, track, and identify threats, create targeting solutions, and quickly send this data to warfighters for fast and precise action.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next Meeting: Mobile, AL

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B. Lee 8-8-2025
Jennifer B. Lee, Recording Secretary Date

Minutes approved by: 8-8-25
Senator Sam Givhan, Chairman Date