**Draft Minutes**

**Alabama Space Authority**

**Meeting**

**May 21, 2020**

Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

WebEx Meeting

**Call to Order**

Virtual meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Chairman Livingston.

**Welcome and Remarks**

Chairman Livingston began the meeting.

**Roll Call Visitors**

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| Members Present: 11Dr. Dale ThomasDr. William T. Hutto, Jr., A.A.E., Ph.D.Dr. Daniel WimsMr. Greg CanfieldMr. Kenneth W. BoswellDr. John Eagerton, IVMajor General (Ret.) Tim CrosbyMr. Luther Roberts, Jr. Mr. Stephen A. CookSenator Steve Livingston, ChairSenator Tom Whatley, Vice Chair | Mr. Mike WardMr. John RothMs. Lucia CapeMr. Ben JohnsonMr. Robert La BrancheMs. Maureen Neighbors |

**Minutes**

Minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Senator Whatley. The motion was seconded by Mr. Canfield. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Reports and Presentations**

Chairman Livingston introduced and welcomed Major General (Ret.) Tim Crosby. Major General (Ret.) Tim Crosby thanked Chairman Livingston.

Chairman Livingston introduced U.S. Congressman Mike Rogers, who presented a status report of US Space Force. He said it was five years in the making and that President Trump and Congressmen Jim Cooper were instrumental in getting it signed into law.

Chairman Livingston opened the floor for questions.

Mr. Canfield asked about anticipated cost overruns.

Congressman Rogers noted that $1 billion had been mentioned as the cost for the HQ building, but he didn’t believe that was accurate, and mentioned there would be approximately 1,400 high paying jobs.

Senator Whatley asked if it would be prudent to pursue the HQ, and if it wasn’t successful what else could Alabama do?

Congressman Rogers said Alabama should compete for the HQ, but if that wasn’t successful Alabama should compete for the Space Development Center. In any case, cost would be a major factor and no announcements would be made until after elections.

With no more questions, Chairman Livingston thanked Congressman Rogers and introduced Mr. Steve Cook.

Mr. Cook presented on the contract with NASA regarding ARTEMIS Human Lander. His presentation is attached.

Chairman Livingston opened the floor for questions.

Mr. Canfield thanked Dynetics as a leader in the defense industry and the space arena, and for partnering with Alabama.

**New Business/Next Meeting**

Chairman Livingston moved to new business, stating that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 18, 2020. The time, location and agenda will be determined later.

Senator Whatley thanked Chairman Livingston for calling the meeting and providing leadership in efforts to support and encourage space industry in Alabama.

Chairman Livingston summarized the status of a long-term space industry study.

Chairman Livingston recognized Mr. Luther Roberts who gave a status report on the Dream Chaser application. They are in the middle of the application process now. They hope to complete next year. Trying to respond to UN mission request for proposals. He also asked for the continued support of the Space Authority.

Meeting adjourned.