Alabama Space Authority
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2025 at 3:00 P.M
Alabama Power, 600 18th Street N, Birmingham AL 35203
Main Floor APC Auditorium

Senator Sam Givhan, Chair, presiding and Ms. Daphne Ball, 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 November 4, 2025, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Call to Order:
Chairman Givhan called the meeting to order at 3:37 P.M. and requested that Ms. Ball conduct the roll call.

Roll Call
Members Present: 9
Senator Sam Givhan, Chairman
Dr. Kimberly Robinson, Vice Chairman
Dr. William T. Hutto (virtual)
Lt. Gen. Thomas Todd
Mr. Luther Roberts
Dr. Daniel K. Wims
Ms. Jennifer Lee for Mr. Kenneth Boswell
Mr. Frank Farmer for Mr. John Cooper
Dr. Charles Karr (virtual)

Members Absent: 3
Ms. Ellen McNair
Senator Chris Elliott
Mr. Bill Poole

With nine members in attendance, Ms. Ball confirmed a quorum has been met.

Visitors:
Daphne Ball
Robert La Branche
Mark M. Tuggle
Reshondra McInnis
Joe Rice
Stacey DeFore
Chrystal Morgan

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 8, 2025. Lt. Gen. Todd made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. 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 Mike Ward-Space Command Update- Mr. Ward explained the difference between the U.S. Space Force and U.S. Space Command, noting that the Space Force is a military branch while Space Command coordinates space operations across all services. He also outlined the different types of combatant commands, including geographic and functional commands. Mr. Ward summarized the timeline of the Space Command headquarters selection, with Redstone Arsenal advancing as a finalist and being identified as the preferred site after reviews confirmed the process was sound. Although the headquarters was temporarily kept in Colorado, later evaluations led to an announcement in 2025 naming Redstone Arsenal as the permanent location.

Presentation by Robert La Branche-Artemis II Discussion- Mr. La Branche provided an overview of the Artemis II mission, including the four-member crew and their roles. He shared some key planning milestones, with rollout anticipated in mid-January and a launch window estimated between early February and early April. He also highlighted upcoming outreach and celebratory events tied to Artemis, including anniversary recognitions and community activities in Montgomery.

Presentation by Reshondra McInnis- Lockheed Martin Courtland Update- Ms. McInnis is the Site Director of the Lockheed Martin Facility in Courtland, Alabama. She provided an overview of its operations and workforce impact in Alabama, particularly at the Courtland facility. She explained that the site supports missile defense and hypersonic programs and employs hundreds of workers while partnering with suppliers across the state. She also highlighted workforce development efforts, including apprenticeship programs and partnerships with schools and community colleges through Lockheed Martin. She emphasized the need for continued investment, community engagement, and infrastructure to support future growth.

Old Business: None

New Business: Legislation Discussion- Chairman Givhan addressed some proposed changes to the Alabama Space Authority name to include aerospace and to prepare by-laws for the Authority.

Next Meeting: Montgomery, AL

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:28 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer B. Lee 4-8-2026

Jennifer B. Lee, Recording Secretary — Date

Minutes approved by: _____

Senator Sam Givhan, Chairman — Date