



Ames Contractor Council

Minutes

Wednesday, May 06, 2026

1100 – 1200 Pacific

Virtual 11:01 start time

³⁵/₁₇ **NASA Ames Center Management & Operations Updates: Amir Deylami.**

- Jered Isaacman – momentum he is building along with partnerships and collaborations he is building and is impressive. All info available on Youtube is well worth checking out.
- Cudos to Artimus team, challenges for the heat shield and our site worked hard on it and played a big part. He appreciates the center's hard work that tie to national programs.
- Workforce side and partnerships are showing some impressive relations, and we look forward on future developments.

³⁵/₁₇ Share news regarding transitions (keep within this council)

- We were tasked to look at all programs, and we do foresee critical competencies we bring contracts and skill sets and understand that can cause tensions and concerns from other angles as well. We are working through these efforts to see what we get approved. With all the upcoming changes, we thank Mike and Amentum for all their hard work. We will have announcements on key roles under that contract, mid-June timeframe. Onboarding at the end of August. We want to make sure no disruptions happen as we work through different partners as we navigate through those.
- Infrastructure – our goal at AMES is 2000-acre parcel that is broken up with AMES, Google, Planetary Ventures, and Nasa research park. Masterplan is beginning key goals and infrastructure as well. We have infrastructure issues with the age of the facilities. Not enough funding to manage facilities. We have a couple 100 facilities. Some should have been demolished long ago. Trying to bring in partners that work

toward the NASA Mission. Our goal is to reduce our carbon footprint by 44%.

- Questions: Can the presentation be made available to us? Answer, he will do his best, once it's approved, he will send it out.
- Pick Robert Watt's mind regarding engagement. Amir will try and see what works well at other sites so that Contractor community is strong and engaging.
- Questions – Godard uses a different format. Sharad will discuss and share experience with Jinesh.

³⁵/₁₇ **Small Business Office Updates: Rob E. Watts Sr.**

- He does not have anything to share. He would like to introduce himself and is available to questions if anyone has any.
- Rob will forward some info in an email to Jinesh who will send it to all of us.
- Questions: Bob Vermillion asked under the new administration are specialty small business as important as they were in prior administration. Answer: He does not foresee a change.

³⁵/₁₇ **ACC Business Items:**

- Introduction/Approval of Minutes: **April 2026**
 - **Motion made by Faten, seconded by one of the members**
- President's Report: **Jinesh Jain**
 - Trying to get more involvement and interest into the ACC
- Vice President's Report: **Bob Vermillion**
 - **Nothing to report**
- Secretary Report: **Sandra Rasmussen**
 - **Nothing to report**
- Treasurer's Report: **Miriam Rahimi**
 - **Previous Balance: \$12,803.70**
 - **Calendar transfer: \$3,200.00**
 - **Grant distributed: \$2,000**
 - **Admin costs: \$175.62**
 - **Balance: \$13,955.56**
 - **Taxes for ACC were filed**

³⁵/₁₇ **Committee Reports:**

- Ames Calendar: **Faten Mansour**
 - ³⁵/₁₇ We still have some calendars available

- ³⁵/₁₇ Need to work on a new theme for next year's calendar
- ³⁵/₁₇ Picnic June 17th if anyone want to host and help man a table
 - Hand out calendars for free
- ³⁵/₁₇ They are not sure if AMES will have a happy hour or not because of the picnic

- **Marketing Communications: Renee Mitchell**

- ³⁵/₁₇ We don't have a speaker this month
- ³⁵/₁₇ Next month we have the Nasa Lodge and Manager will speak
- ³⁵/₁₇ Feature talk can we have a Civil Servant discuss Core Competencies so the contractors can better connect with he projects.

- **Imagination Foundation: David Cornelius**

- ³⁵/₁₇ **Not in attendance**

- **Public Policy: Saba Hussain**

- ³⁵/₁₇ **Shifts in how the government is doing business so the era of business as usual is no longer.**

- ³⁵/₁₇ **3 areas of changes that**

- **Fixed price contracts are the mandatory default. No longer interested in cost plus model**
- **Rules are consolidating**
 - **Flight cycles for small satellites previously small sat had to piggyback on other projects. Commercial launch can use single source license. What does that mean? Shorter wait time for launch spots**
- **Pivot to infrastructure – focus more on building permanent sustainable buildings in space programs. They are working faster and expecting contractors to work on firm fixed prices and experience.**
- **As things roll out, we will see how things change at our site.**

- **Safety Outreach: Mike Weiss/Linda McCahon**

- ³⁵/₁₇ Update: April 3 mishaps. Point out that uptick in exposure to noise resulting in noise. Please make sure people are wearing their PPE to limit exposure.

- **ACC Golf Tournament: Kari, Jinesh, Craig, Sandra, Renee, Mariam**

- ³⁵/₁₇ Not much progress

- ³⁵/₁₇ Looking for a project manager to run with this

New Business:

- ³⁵/₁₇ **Nothing new**

- ³⁵/₁₇ **Janish will resend a new link for the ACC meeting.**

Meeting ended: 11:40

Next Virtual Meeting is Scheduled on: June 03, 2026