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OPEN SESSION

1:00 PM/4:00 PM	Welcome and Introductions <i>(5 mins.)</i>	Tom Greene and Chris McKee CAA Co-Chairs
1:05 PM/4:05 PM	NASA Astrophysics <i>(85 mins.)</i> --2023 Budget Plans --NHFP Recommendations and Implementation --Time Domain and Multi-Messenger Follow-Up Program --Dual Anonymous Peer Review --Possible Coordination with DOE-Cosmic Frontiers on Science Priorities	Paul Hertz
2:30 PM/5:30 PM	<i>Meeting Adjourns</i>	

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