

MEETING MINUTES

For the April 2024 Meeting.

MEETING DETAILS

Date: April 3, 2024 **Time**: 9:00 AM

Location: Government Center South – Conference Room A

Member Attendance

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		In Person
John Crisp	\boxtimes		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Harold Davidson	\boxtimes		In Person
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		In Person
James Murua	×		In Person
Scott Pannicke	\boxtimes		In Person
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		In Person
Michael Popich	\boxtimes		In Person
David Porter	\boxtimes		In Person
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes		In Person
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes		Electronic Means (MS Teams)

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Murua called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

2. Roll Call.

A roll call was taken, quorum was met. See above for details on member attendance and means of participation.

3. Review and Action on March 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Approve with revisions: Mr. Pannicke was not present at prior meeting.

Name	Vote	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson	\boxtimes	
Todd Hite		
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich		
David Porter		
Kenneth Wagner		
Michael Zehner		

4. IDHS Reports and Updates

i. IDHS Variance Determinations Report as required by 675 IAC 12-5-6.2(f) – Commission acknowledged receipt of report. No questions.

5. State Building Commissioner Interpretations

i. None

6. Rulemaking Updates

i. Electrical Code Update Committee – Commissioner Popich updated the Commission on the work of the Indiana Electrical Code Update Committee.

- ii. Fire Code Update Committee Chairman Murua updated the Commission on the work of the Indiana Fire Code Update Committee.
- iii. Building Code Update Committee Chairman Murua also updated the Commission on the work of the Indiana Building Code Update Committee.
- iv. Lift Device Code Update Committee Matt Cronley updated the Commission on the work of the Indiana Lift Device Code Update Committee.
- v. Rule Readoptions Rules expiring January 1, 2025. Some rules being allowed to expire or abrogated by previous statutes. Christina Collester objected to the process used, noting that previously, referenced codes were considered a default. Mr. Burgauer responded that such an interpretation would be a substantive change in the law that does not go through regular rulemaking. Bobby LaRue presented, adding that his jurisdiction is begging for a new code set that follows modern standards. Various Commissioners confirmed their commitment to update codes to the latest standards and protect life safety.

Motion: Approve.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson		\boxtimes
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		

7. Variances

- a. Tabled
 - i. 23-12-79(b) Grayford Farm LLC (North Vernon) No proponent.

Motion: Deny.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No

\boxtimes	
\boxtimes	
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×	
\boxtimes	
×	
×	

ii. 24-01-44(a)(b) Fortify Homes Renovation (Auburn) – No proponent. Motion: Table.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	×	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson		×
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

iii. **24-02-31 Selking International (Ft. Wayne)** – Proponent presented. Added additional engineering information to variance application. Several Commissioners still requested additional data.

Motion: Table.

Name	Pres	Present	
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	×		
John Crisp	×		
Harold Davidson	×		
Todd Hite	×		
James Murua	×		
Scott Pannicke	×		
Michael Patarino	×		
Michael Popich	×		
David Porter	×		
Kenneth Wagner	×		
Michael Zehner			

iv. 24-02-35(a)(b)(c) CTI Building Addition (Bristol) -- Christina Collester presented. E-mail submitted from Fire Chief, forwarded to Commission at meeting.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

v. 24-02-36 Sprinkler System Removal (Beech Grove) -- Proponent submitted a drawing that attempts to answer some of the previous questions that the Commission had. Fire official presented, made various notes about the occupancy limit and the physical situation of the building.

Conditions: Occupant limit of 99, all penetrations through fire barrier to be repaired, variance contingent upon configuration, use, and square footage remaining as currently used in existing restaurant.

Vote: Approve with conditions.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	×	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	×	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	X	
Kenneth Wagner	X	
Michael Zehner		

- vi. **24-02-39 Langel's Pizza (Schererville)** Withdrawn by proponent.
- vii. 24-02-40(a)(b)(c)(d) Jeffersonville Clarksville West Storage Facility (Clarksville) -- Ed Rensink. Asking about whether flex sealant was used on seams. Statement from contractor uploaded to website.

Motion: NVR.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	×	
John Crisp	×	

Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter		
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

b. New

i. **24-03-23(a)(b)** Lilly K156 Killy Technology Center South (Indianapolis) — Asking for all three horizontal exits, smoke and heat venting for F1 occupancy. IDHS has not seen variances together in a building this size. Ed Rensink presented.

Motion: Approve.

Name	Pres	Present	
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	×		
John Crisp	×		
Harold Davidson	×		
Todd Hite	×		
James Murua	×		
Scott Pannicke	×		
Michael Patarino	×		
Michael Popich	×		
David Porter	×		
Kenneth Wagner	×		
Michael Zehner			

ii. 24-03-24(b) Downstairs Security Door (Evansville) — No proponent.

Motion: Table.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	×	
John Crisp	×	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	×	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

iii. **24-03-25(f)** White Castle #21 (Indianapolis) — Request to allow hood system to use updated codes. Proponent presented. Requesting to use specifically manufactured ULlisted hoods.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	×	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	×	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

iv. **24-03-26 Edgewood Early Childhood Center (Bloomington)** — Ed Rensink. Asking to allow delayed egress device on cafeteria doors on exterior space. Space only has one exit with delayed egress door. Delayed egress unlocks on loss of power, fire alarm, or sprinkler system. Opens upon 15 seconds of pressing the door. Sign on door as required.

Motion: Approve.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

Commission broke from 11:22-11:35.

v. **24-03-27 Point Biopharma (Indianapolis)** — Proponents presented. Coming back to change prior variance. Want to use fire extinguishers instead of fire sprinklers. Radiation from medication and production requires isolation at all times. Local officials were not notified due to error on application. Commission cannot take action on it at this time.

Motion: Table.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	×	
John Crisp	×	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	×	

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James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	vi.
Michael Zehner		Wi

vi. 24-03-28 607 Center (Michigan City) — Withdrawn by proponent.

vii. 24-03-29(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(i)(j) GLC Mishawaka Apartments and Garage (Mishawaka) — Ed Rensink. C-J recommend approval. a) Request to allow two-hour fire barrier and assembly in lieu of firewall, b) dead ends past allowable area.

Motion: Approve C.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	×	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

Ed Rensink withdrew variance b.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	X	

John Crisp	×	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

viii. **24-03-30 Fedex Freight SND (Greenwood)** — Asking to use 20,000 gallon tank instead of 12,000 gallon

tank for fuel dispensary for Fedex shipping.

Motion: Approve.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	×	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

ix. **24-03-31 Project Winston (Avon)** — Request to use top-loading automated storage and retrieval.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

x. 24-03-32 Hobbs Station Multi-family (Plainfield) —

Operable window and exterior window less than three feet from bath exhaust and dryer vents. Ed Rensink.

Motion: Approve.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook		
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite		
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

xi. **24-03-33 Sky Jump LLC (Greenwood)** — Commissioner Pannicke recused. Asking to allow a parking lot bounce-house complex to stand for 90 days rather than the 30 days allowed by code.

Motion: Approve with the following conditions: semi outside of fence line.

Name	Pres	Present	
	Yes	No	
Logan Cook	×		
John Crisp	×		
Harold Davidson	×		
Todd Hite			
James Murua	×		
Scott Pannicke			
Michael Patarino	×		
Michael Popich	×		
David Porter	X		
Kenneth Wagner	X		
Michael Zehner			

xii. **24-03-34 PepsiCo Frito Lay Diesel Tank Project (Frankfort)** — Request to install two 15,000 gallon diesel tanks. Tanks are located close together and close to building or overhang. Continually monitored (fills, underground piping), no unmanned fueling.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook		
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite		
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich		
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

Xiii. 24-03-35(a)(b)(c)(d) The Farm Multifamily Building A & Garage (Zionsville) — Motion: Approve.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	×	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

Commission broke from 2:45am - 3:00pm.

xiv. 24-03-36(a)(b)(c) Andretti Global HQ (Fishers) — Variance c is a-category. Ed Rensink. Space over 9500 square feet.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	X	

David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		

xv. **24-03-37 Nipro PharmaPackaging Addition (Westport)** — 50,000 square foot addition covering two properties. Melissa Tupper. F-2(b) occupancy. Cannot fill a tank for sprinklers, rural water supply insufficient.

Motion: Table.

Name	Pres	sent
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	×	
John Crisp	×	
Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	×	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	×	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

xvi. 24-03-38 Firebrand Ministries — Proponent presented. Asking for variances related to non-compliance with commercial housing requirements for recovery facility, in particular sprinklers. Proponent argued that house is a Level 1 facility under DMHA that is primarily peer-run. Commission explained that Commission requirements are not the same as DMHA, and DMHA requires that the house passes inspection for fire and building safety.

Motion: Table. Cook - Yes, Crisp - n/a, Davidson - Yes, Hite - Yes, Murua - Yes, Pannicke - Yes, Patarino - Yes, Popich - Yes, Porter - Yes, Wagner - Yes.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook	×	
John Crisp		

Harold Davidson	×	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	×	
Scott Pannicke	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	×	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter		
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

xvii. **24-03-39 Marvel Home (Fairmount)** — Requesting not to have a storm shelter provide emergency rescue opening, exception if over 200 feet.

Motion: Table.

Name	Present	
	Yes	No
Logan Cook		
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Harold Davidson		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Scott Pannicke		
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich	×	
David Porter	×	
Kenneth Wagner	×	
Michael Zehner		

8. Industrialized Building Systems Applications and Renewals

i. None

9. Report on Administrative Review

- b. OALP Non-Final Orders Commission Review/Action Required as Ultimate Authority
 - i.
- **c.** New Cases *Monitoring Only*
 - i.
- d. Ongoing Cases
 - i. DHS-2307-002000 Scannell Properties v. City of Bloomington
 - ii. DHS-2308-002119 Singh Basra LLC
 - iii. DHS-2311-002835 Ronald Davidhizer vs. City of Goshen
 - iv. DHS-2312-003133 LaPorte County
 - V. DHS-2401-000218 LaPorte Civic Auditorium
 - vi. DHS-2402-000396 Knight's Inn v. Seymour Fire
- e. New Filings Commission Review/Action Required
 - i. None
- f. OALP Final Orders No action required.
 - i. None.

10. Final Comments/Closing Remarks – Chairman Murua

11.Next Meeting

Thursday, May 9, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time in CONFERENCE ROOM B of the Indiana Government Center, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

A public notice with specific details regarding the format of the meeting will be provided on the Commission main web page in advance of the meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28pm.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:28pm.