

AGENDA

MEETING DETAILS

Date: October 7, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: IN Government Center South, Auditorium

Meeting Materials

Live Stream Access

Archived Meetings

MEMBER INFO

Member Name	Position	Appt. Auth.	Term Start	Term End
Craig Burgess	Architect	Governor	07/31/2023	07/30/2027
Logan Cook	Engineer	Governor	07/31/2023	07/30/2027
John Crisp	Real Estate Broker	Governor	07/31/2023	07/30/2027
Todd Hite	Department of Health Designee	NA	NA	NA
James Murua	Fire Official	Governor	07/31/2023	07/30/2027
Buckie Olaleye	Department of Labor Designee	NA	NA	NA
Michael Patarino	Apartment Association	Governor	07/31/2023	07/30/2027
Michael Popich	IABO	Governor	07/31/2023	07/30/2027
Lane Slaughter	Remodeler	Governor	07/31/2023	07/30/2027
Kenneth Wagner	Contractor (low-income housing)	Governor	07/31/2023	07/30/2027
Michael Zehner	IBA (single family housing)	Governor	07/31/2023	07/30/2027
Vacancy	NA	NA	NA	NA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM.

2. Roll Call

Member Name	Present		Means of Communication
	Yes	No	
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes		In Person
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		In Person
John Crisp		\boxtimes	N/A
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		In Person
James Murua	\boxtimes		In Person
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes		Virtual (MS Teams)
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		In Person

Michael Popich	\boxtimes		Virtual (MS Teams)
Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes		In Person
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes		Virtual (MS Teams)
Michael Zehner		\boxtimes	N/A

3. Review of September 2025 Minutes

Motion:	Vote	
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner		
Michael Zehner		

4. IDHS Reports and Updates

i. IDHS Variance Determinations Report as required by 675 IAC 12-5-6.2(f)

5. Rulemaking Updates

- i. Electrical Code Update Committee As discussed at the September meeting, a public comment period needs to be scheduled. The public comment period needs to be scheduled for at least 30 days prior to it occurring. Director of Boards and Commissions has a couple of dates in mind (but those dates have not been shared publicly to avoid causing confusion).
- ii. Building Code Update Committee Sub-committee for the building code cancelled the October meeting that was scheduled for October 8th due to the proponent and other members of the committee being unable to attend. The next meeting will be on November 12th.
- iii. Fire Code Update Committee Sub-committee for the fire code cancelled the October meeting that was scheduled for October 8th due to the proponent and other members of the committee being unable to attend. The next meeting will be on November 12th.
- iv. Lift Device Update Committee No current update that differs from previous months. Pushing other rules forward before we reconvene the Lift Device sub-committee.

6. Variances

a. Tabled

i. 25-04-41 Fire Doors Removal (Fort Wayne) – No proponent present, this variance is tabled due to lack of a proponent. (Background info only: this variance was first heard in May/June and was tabled by the Commission. The variance then 'disappeared' from the online variance portal. It resurfaced when the proponent questioned the status of their variance and was placed back into the portal.)

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ii. 25-07-40 Poorman Event Venue (Columbia City) – Wedding venue that is larger and out there, so there is no water supply. Several modifications have been made since the previous meeting. Mezzanine area has been made a balcony, so there is less assembly space on the 2nd floor, and the building has been made 7ft shorter. Tables are set for 240 (24 tables of 10). Basically over 250 on the occupant load. Overhead doors are changed to French Doors. 5 total exits (over egress width and exits required for the space). Made facility smaller to get it under 10,000 square feet (fire area is now 9,960 feet). Probably a venue that doesn't house the full occupant load because you wouldn't have as big of a dance floor.

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James Murua		\boxtimes

Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes		
Michael Patarino			
Michael Popich		\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes		
Kenneth Wagner		\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner			
iii. 25-08-55 Lincoln High School Sprinkler Replacement (Vincennes) – Member of the fire department tat has been dealing with this project is on vacation and did not send in a letter. There was another member of the fire department on the phone, confirming that they made it through phase one, and are satisfied with how it went. Fire department has been to the site four or five times throughout the process. They are now moving into phase two. Going out weekly to look at everything. If a problem is run into and the fire department is unhappy, there are means at their disposal to stop what they are doing. Project is going to take roughly 2 ½ years because it cannot all be done at once. About ¼ of the building has been completed. Monthly plans and updates are submitted.			
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Michael Popich			
Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes		
Kenneth Wagner			
Michael Zehner			
 iv. Wood Capital Pizza (Jasper) – Proponent believes they have found a solution that would solve the problem, allowing them to withdraw the variance. They would like to table the variance for one more month to ensure their solution will work. Motion: 			
Tabled	Yes	No	
Craig Burgess	×		
Logan Cook			

John Crisp

Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		

b. New

i. 25-09-42 Potato Creek Lodge (North Liberty) – Indiana Department of Natural Resources Project that has been in the design phase for about a year now. Built out of heavy timber and Type-2 construction. There is increased sprinkler coverage in public areas but have now found an issue – there is a lot of heavy timber overhangs that are used for appearance's sake. If these timber overhangs were 4ft or less they would not have to be sprinklered, however most are 5ft or larger. The heavy timber is running parallel to the wall, which would require going through the heavy timber to get a sprinkler head out there. The heavy timber overhangs the canopies, separated from the building physically. Main building canopy extends over drive through canopy, it is constructed of heavy timber, and anything is that not that is exposed will have fire retardant wood. Fire retardant would just be on the overhang, as the only exposure is the heavy timber beams.

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Approved (Variances A & B)*	Yes	No	
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John Crisp			
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		
James Murua			
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes		
Michael Patarino			
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Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes		
Kenneth Wagner			
Michael Zehner			

^{*}The vote depicted represents the vote taken for Variance B as Variance A was recommended for approval by IDHS staff.

ii. 25-09-43 Jasper Pool Diving Facility (Jasper) – If you were looking at this as a diving platform which one could access with a ladder, it would be perfectly okay. City decided to go with steps instead of a ladder. Most of the steps are outside of the pool, while some steps are inside of the pool. A lifeguard will monitor access to this, only adults that meet certain requirements are allowed on the platform, and there can be no more than 10 at a time on the platform. Steps are only designed for people to access the platform, not to come down the steps.

Motion:	Vote		
Dismissed (No Variance Required)	Yes	No	
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes		
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		
John Crisp			
Todd Hite	\boxtimes		
James Murua	\boxtimes		
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes		
Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes		
Michael Zehner			

iii. 25-09-44 Connect Church on Main (Bicknell) – Proponent does not want to provide a sprinkler system in the building. There is a calculated load of 214, including the services and fellowship area. Really the space to not exceed occupant load of 200. Congregation had a previous facility and had an opportunity to buy a building which was a former hardware and grocery store which was built in 1966 (still framed inside with steel beams). Complying with Type 3-B, facility gives them the opportunity to be in the middle of town (typical rural Indiana area). Max occupant load of 200 to be posted (right now there is a congregation of 50). They aren't looking to become a big church. There are 3 exterior exits, a manual fire alarm system with NFPA 72, and fire detectors in the attic (full alarm and detection system). Fire department is not opposed to the variance. No commercial equipment in the kitchen will just be a warming kitchen and will not be open to anyone overnight.

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John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua		\boxtimes
Buckie Olaleye		\boxtimes

Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich		\boxtimes
Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		

iv. 25-09-45 Kid City Academy Addition (Franklin) – Added a 70x70 facility to the west of the building. Looking at the cost, it is expensive but had a meeting with the fire department with the way the parking lot is designed, and the fire department will be/would be able to back the fire trucks out of the parking lot. The fire department would close down the road in case of an emergency to access the lone fire hydrant. Cost to get an additional hydrant on the same side of the street as the facility would be over \$50,000 and there are storage units next door, so they would need to go over an easement into that property to meet any sort of standard for a turnaround to be placed on their property. The hydrant is 99 feet away and it is a municipal hydrant. The future plan for the building is to create a looping around the back of the building as there is only one entrance in and out of the parking lot.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved with Conditions:	Yes	No
Loop road around the building to be		
completed by December 31, 2028*		
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Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua		
Buckie Olaleye		
Michael Patarino		
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Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		

^{*}Variance condition only applies to Variance A, Variance B has no condition applied to it.

v. 25-09-46 Indianapolis Convention Center Hotels and Ballroom (Indianapolis) – Elevator contractor mentioned the issue, and that there may be a little complication. This is regarding elevator hoistways. They have to be set in drywall, and there is a penetration of drywall inside the shaft (penetration of interior of shaft wall). This beam doesn't go all the way through but treated the same as though it were. It is still UL listed assembly protection. Not a structural beam that needs to be fire-proofed. Internal elevator staff/experts at IDHS recommends approval.

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vi. 25-09-47 Project Stella (Jeffersonville) – Industrial Park, sits on 80 acres and will make solar cells. Multi-building facility on the site, variance is regarding Building 1, which is approximately 810,000 square feet. It is constructed of insulated concrete. Area looking at for phase one is where the H-5, mixed use group space. H-5 space is where the cells are manufactured, housing custom tools for the process equipment. These tools are very long tools, which is part of the reason why an additional variance is needed. Some crossovers over the tools, but due to obstructions, there cannot be crossovers everywhere. Building is fully sprinklered, had a fire alarm, and multiple exits. Does not anticipate being used from day one, LBO and LFO are in support of the variances. Primary steel is robust and approximately 500 pounds a linear foot. Working with consultants doing PVB studies to prove that occupant would be able to exit in a timely manner.

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Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
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vii. 25-09-48 St. Paul Lutheran Christian Education Center (Columbus) – Existing A-3 occupancy church that is fully sprinklered and has smoke detection throughout. Adding an E occupancy that has smoke detection/smoke alarm. The wall is a one-hour wall. Sprinklers are only on one side, would be difficult to get into the existing building ceilings. There is a letter of support for this variance.

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viii. 25-09-49 520 Lavina St. (Fort Wayne) – Originally a single family dwelling that was added on to. Went through the process, finished our first and second floor, but didn't finish out the basement. The basement has been framed out but not finished. Owners went to renew their permits for finishing out the basement and were notified that they needed a sprinkler system because they had three units. Proponent was in discussion with the fire department; said they would put an NFPA 13 R system in the basement and a one-hour separation from first floor to the basement. Egress from basement complies with the code. The variance request is to allow the use of an NFPA 13 R in the basement. The LFO is okay, but the LBO is not okay. Essentially this is a duplex with another home underneath it.

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ix. 25-09-50 Franciscan Health (Valparaiso) – Proponent wants to use provisions of the 2026 Building Code in replacement of the 2014 Building Code. The difference is regarding the calculated occupant load. Actual occupant load based on designers' functional program would put it at 240 occupants. New building code would be 393 people. It allows a higher square footage per person. There is not a travel distance of over 200 feet in the space. Motion: Vote	Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
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*Motion was withdrawn so no vote needed to be taken.		

xi. 25-09-52 AE Ammo (Indianapolis) – Building is classified as an H-3 due to small arms ammunitions being stored there. In explosives category, they are division 1.4S, not in the table of hazardous materials, fireworks are in the same division of explosives however they are designated separately. Does not require a detached building. Written interpretation put out because 1.4G weren't required to be in detached building, but 1.4S in not in that table. They don't project, they still pop open, but without the projectile. Building is going to be sprinklered with NFPA 13.

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xii. 25-09-53 IEMS Headquarters (Indianapolis) – Building is going to house administrative offices, ambulance bay garages, and teaching classrooms. Ambulance bay garages are risk category 4 while the administrative offices and the classrooms are risk category 3. The fire safety features are shared between the two buildings. Fire alarm and sprinkler system will serve both risk category 3 and risk category 4. The buildings are structurally independent of one another. All fire features originate on risk category 4 side of the building. Proposing to put in flexible connection.

Motion:	Vote	
Approved (Variances A & B)	Yes	No

Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
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Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich*	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter	\boxtimes	
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		

^{*}Voted to Deny Variance A and Approve Variance B.

xiii. 25-09-54 Broad Ripple Mixed Use (Indianapolis) – Several variances of this nature handled in the past. Over 20 feet away from the combustible building construction. On concrete deck with apartments surrounding it – over 20 feet away from the apartments. Actual building construction in noncombustible. Issue is that there is a pool cabana skeleton structure, cedar wood paneling on that back of it that is 3 feet from the back of the side of the grills. Proposing to coat the cabana structure with flame safe lumber product fire retardant coating. Tested to ASTME27 test for extended surface burning characteristics. Extended duration test was 20 minutes. Flame spread impact of zero doesn't make in noncombustible but no progressive combustion, chars it in place and doesn't spread. Listed specifically for exterior use

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved with Conditions:	Yes	No
Apply and maintain per warranty instructions.		
Craig Burgess		
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Todd Hite		
James Murua		
Buckie Olaleye		
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner		
Michael Zehner		

7. Industrialized Building Systems Applications and Renewals

i. Bureau Veritas (Application) – IDHS staff had no comment and recommended approval.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess		
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		

8. Report on Administrative Review

- a. Commission Review (Action Required)
 - i. None
- b. New Cases Monitoring Only
 - i. Copper Spoon vs. Department of Homeland Security
- c. Ongoing Cases
 - i. None
- d. New Filings Commission Review / Action Needed
 - i. None
- e. OALP Final Orders No action required.
 - i. None

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission shall take place on **Thursday**, **November 6**, **2025**, **at 9:00am**. The meeting will be held in the **Indiana Government Center South** in the **Auditorium**. The meeting will also be streamed live via Microsoft Teams.

Public notice and virtual/electronic meeting access details will be provided on the **Commission's Web Page** in advance of the meeting.

10. Adjournment