



FIRE PREVENTION & BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

AGENDA

MEETING DETAILS

Date: November 6, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: IN Government Center South, Auditorium

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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 10:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

Name	Present		Means of Communication
	Yes	No	
Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Logan Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
John Crisp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person

Michael Popich	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lane Slaughter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Michael Zehner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

3. Review of October 2025 Minutes

Motion: Approved*	Vote	
	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Logan Cook		
John Crisp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

*Make Change: Item 4 Wood Capital Pizza was missing its variance number.

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 – Discussed timeline of where the Electrical Code is at; in the process of getting a meeting room scheduled for a public comment period. The general hope is that this meeting for a public comment period could be scheduled to occur in the next couple of months.
- ii. Building Code Update Committee – The Building Code update committee meeting is next scheduled for November 12th.
- iii. Fire Code Update Committee – The Fire Code update committee meeting is next scheduled for November 12th.
- iv. Lift Device Update Committee – No update from previous meetings.
- v. 2025 Readoptions – Commission voted to approve the 2025 Rule Readoptions.

Motion: Approved	Vote	
	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Logan Cook		

John Crisp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

6. Variances

a. Tabled

- i. 25-04-41 Fire Doors Removal (Fort Wayne) – Facility was purchased that had fire doors in it for what it was being used for. Now it is primarily being used for a warehouse, and the doors no longer have a purpose. There are four (4) doors that didn't meet the test, are obsolete, and the parts are no longer available. Rather than trying to fix the doors with no purpose in the warehouse, proponent wants approval to get the doors removed. Inspector looked at the new business, but wants the doors to remain but have signs that say out of service. Doors should remain in place in case the building is sold in the future and it goes to a new use (if something changes with the building in the future, then the doors would have to be used).

Motion: Approved with Conditions: Doors remain, post out of service signage on the doors, and doors to remain in an open position.	Vote	
	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Logan Cook		
John Crisp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Michael Zehner		
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- ii. 25-08-55 Lincoln High School Sprinkler Replacement (Vincennes) – Unable to get fire department on the phone. The fire chief was given the form and he didn't know anything about the variance, so he didn't get it submitted. Asking to table the variance again hurts the proponent. Talked to fire department three (3) times in the last month, had him on the phone, and now is unable to get him back on the phone.

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Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

- iii. 25-08-59 Wood Capital Pizza (Jasper) – No proponent present. Proponent was present at prior meetings.

Motion: Tabled	Vote	
	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Logan Cook		
John Crisp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

- iv. 25-09-47 Project Stella (Jeffersonville) – Proponent states that the company puts safety and quality first, and is customer driven. November meeting, they were going to present an approach, and since then that information has been uploaded. Project is a campus designed, focused on Building One – which is a Type 1-B. It is noncombustible, using a precast concrete panel that is 10 inches thick and has robust steel frame for columns. Project is over 800,000 square feet, there are multiple exits, and the building will have mixed used occupants in it. Really focused on H-5 (asking for 300), to get people out safely, and the building is 100% sprinklered. Building will have a fire alarm, will be notification for occupants to get out safely, and a fire loop around the entirety of the building. PPD report – covers smoke and egress variances, what makes solar cells is very long (engineers present can speak to that). Steel columns will be fireproofed, there is no second story on the roof, two (2) means of egress to get off the roof. Support letter submitted from the city of Jeffersonville in support of egress variance and removal of fire protection of secondary roof (from LBO and Fire Chief).

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John Crisp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

b. New

- i. 25-10-23 College Corner Apartments (Indianapolis) – Requirements for emergency escape and rescue openings, 1029.1 doesn't apply to dorm unit in question. This is a 2-story unit, the lower level is in the basement, which is the particular unit in question. Both floors together are about 1,000 square feet. Addendum filed 9 months after CDR. Correction notice sights requirement, stating that the design utilizes table 1029.2(1). Not a correction assumption, design doesn't utilize the table but uses another section for egress design. According to proponent, the unit is in compliance and doesn't think it was well explained in the design. They are not using the table section that the design says that they are using. Making the case that they don't think it applies on the assumption that they were using a table when in fact they weren't.

Motion:	Vote
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Dismissed (No Variance Required)	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Logan Cook		
John Crisp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

- ii. 25-10-24 Hub Bloomington II (Bloomington) – Gender neutral restrooms with a locker room area. Labeled as a locker room and looks like there are lockers in there. Attachment is a revised plan that labels the restroom, with no changing rooms or areas, just a gender neutral restroom on the 6th floor in the amenity area. Plan has been revised to clarify that it is just a restroom, attached a cutsheet, that the designer described, as a nonfunctional locker, essentially just a piece of art. It is a vintage locker, not a locker for use, doors will be sealed, not meant to be used as a locker. Complies with the new IBC requirements when it comes to the restroom area, individual and closed.

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John Crisp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

- iii. 25-10-27 Trine University Athletic Air-Supported Dome (Angola) – Would be used for sport team practices, about 91,000 square feet, small entry area that is 2,100 square feet (noncombustible – restroom and coaches offices). Allowable area in height – type 2-B building, fabric meets the flame propagation requirements. Dome

will comply with section 3102 of the building code, permanent structure that meets the code, except for allowable height. Seven (7) exterior doors, occupant load is about 240 (team, coaches). Not big enough to hold seating area, field practically fills the whole thing. Not a spectator type of facility. Travel distance of 140 feet maximum, dome will only be used for participant sports. Has to have enough height to allow for a functional football practice. Not adverse to safety, if there is an issue they can just leave the building. Sprinkler variance – LFO is in favor of this variance. Two fire hydrants within 300 feet, manual fire alarm systems, no fire load in the building, non-combustible construction. Hard to install a sprinkler system in a type of building like this, structure wouldn't support a rigid system. Fire access openings – requirement for non-sprinkler buildings, openings on all sides of buildings (has been previously approved), openings are on sides where fire department accesses the buildings. Won't have a voice alarm system in the building, wide open building that doesn't require special instructions (required for over 1,000 people) but this won't come close to that amount. Main exit requirement – chose not to get a variance to say we will have so many people in the building, seven (7) different ways out, more than enough to meet the requirement is the actual occupant load if taken, but don't meet for a larger calculated load. Not open to the general public, just for participant sports and for sports team practices.

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Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

7. Industrialized Building Systems Applications and Renewals

i. Hilborn, Werner, Carter & Associates (Renewal)

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John Crisp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Todd Hite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James Murua	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buckie Olaleye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Patarino	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

8. Report on Administrative Review

- a. Commission Review (Action Required)
 - i. None
- b. New Cases – Monitoring Only
 - i. Metalworking Lubricants Company vs. Indianapolis Fire Department
 - ii. Huntington County Community Schools
- c. Ongoing Cases
 - i. Copper Spoon vs. Department of Homeland Security
- 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 **Tuesday, December 2, 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

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.