



# FIRE PREVENTION & BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

## AGENDA & MEETING MINUTES

### MEETING DETAILS

**Date:** January 6, 2026

**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 9:03 A.M.

#### 2. Roll Call

Name	Present		Means of Communication
	Yes	No	
Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Logan Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
John Crisp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resigned from Commission (Effective Dec 31, 2025)
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"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Michael Zehner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

### 3. Review of December 2025 Minutes

Motion: Approved*	Vote	
	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Logan Cook	<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 (Abstained)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

\*Change December meeting minutes to reflect discussion on how to define 'building code', so it can be determined what codes do and do not fall within that definition.

### 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 – The public hearing for the Electrical Code has been set for March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in Conference Room A.
- ii. Building Code Update Committee – The Building Code Update Committee is scheduled to meet on January 14<sup>th</sup> to continue discussion on the last outstanding proposal.
- iii. Fire Code Update Committee – The Fire Code Update Committee is scheduled to meet on January 14<sup>th</sup> to continue discussion on the last outstanding proposal.
- iv. Lift Device Update Committee – No current update that is different from the previous month.

### 6. Variances

- a. *Tabled*

- i. 25-08-59 Wood Capital Pizza (Jasper) – No proponent present. Suggested that a discussion is had with the proponent to determine where they stand with the variance, and if they wish to withdraw it, table it, or have any updates that can be given to the Commission.

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Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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. 25-11-25 Wavemax Laundry (Indianapolis) – The proponent has requested that this variance be tabled until the February 2026 Commission meeting.

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	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Logan Cook	<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		

- iii. 25-11-28 Cedar Spring Farm LLC (Hope) – Project involves conversion of Class 2 barn, including an addition of 318 square feet for a bathroom. Have a preliminary Chapter 34 scoring and passed without sprinklering the building. The addition of the bathroom is what triggers the sprinkler requirement. Have uploaded the draft score sheet, and revised page two (2) of the application for what the variance and the hardship are. Another variance will be filed in anticipation of being heard at the February 2026 Commission meeting. Approval of this variance would not allow them

to be a Class 1 structure, this variance is needed to allow the use of Chapter 34, which is needed because they are connecting the 318 square foot restroom addition.

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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		

*b. New*

- i. 25-12-52 Heartland Christian School (New Castle) – Building was originally used as an assembly workspace (not a barn), used as a business at original owner's residence. Homeschool parents started a school in it; in 2013 they had 26 students. Currently they have 260 students enrolled. No one understood the difference between Class 1 and a Class 2 Structure. Some internal improvements were made. It needs to be converted from a Class 2 to a Class 1 Structure. On its own property and has already been rezoned. Front part of the building is a gym, and the other part is the main school. There are currently apartments above the school. The plan is to eventually move out the tenants of the occupied apartments. Building is way off the main water supply, currently have no water supply, and are based off of a well system. Every classroom has an exit right to the exterior. They have a smoke detection system and a full fire alarm system in the building and a very generous egress system. Plan is to grow this school more, and hat would be to have an additional building constructed. They are hoping in a year to being construction on the new building. The fire department is comfortable putting kids in the school. The apartments are not fully rated but are entered separately from accessing the school. Want to see what the plan is going forward and a plan from getting the tenants out of the apartments above the school.

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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		

- ii. 25-12-53 PALS Main Area/Barn (Bloomington) – Building is a replacement and is the same size as the previous structure which was destroyed in a tornado. Main part of the building is a large arena for riding horses. Allow 5-B construction identical to existing structure. Building has very low occupant load, maximum would be just over 40, which is based off of a couple of classes going on at a time. Issue is the building has to be the same size to accommodate what they do, which is therapeutic equine activities. They comply with the maximum egress travel distance. Don't believe that it is adverse to safety due to egress travel and low occupant load. There is a letter of support from the servicing fire department. Building is under 55 feet, and the firefighter access openings are compliant with the building code. The cost of a sprinkler would be \$339,000. They have partial coverage for replacing the building, they are replacing what was there prior, which did not have a sprinkler system. The water supply is not strong enough to support a sprinkler system; they would need to have a dry system because it is a barn.

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Michael Zehner		

- iii. 25-12-54 Fuel Truck Shelter (Monticello) – Building an enclosure for trucks to come in and fill the tanks. Code interprets that there must be separation distance between tanks and the building. Putting in a 4-hour wall from the rest of the building (60 feet of separation). The tanks are separated, but not from the building because the truck is in the building. The 4-hour wall would essentially meet the 10 feet and 25 feet requirement. Trucks come in once a week and when they are there, they are there for 4-6 hours. Has all safety precautions for filling up the truck. Just protecting

adjacent building, tanks that is on the truck and the tank that is outside of the building.

<b>Motion:</b> <b>Approved With Conditions:</b> Make an exterior exit to/from the office space.	<b>Vote</b>	
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John Crisp		
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"/>
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Kenneth Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Zehner		

- iv. 25-12-55 Indiana State Fairgrounds Free Stage (Indianapolis) – Free stage at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, looking to host more events and concerts throughout the year. Platform is concrete, structure is 4 feet off grade level, it is a permanent stage structure. Limit the occupant load on the stage to 49. Occupancy load over 50 would need two means of egress. Will have one ramp up to the stage for equipment. There are two main ways onto the stage, one is accessible and one is not accessible. It will not be open to the public on the stage. Will be installed in the same area as where the current stage is.

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- v. 25-12-56 The Carriage Barn (Goshen) – 2-story building built in the later 1800s and is historic. Tope level is a B-3 and where proponent operates her business as a photography studio. Part time it will operate as a small venue (baby showers, micro weddings, etc.) Capacity allows for 93 people including prep room, restroom, and a staircase. Comfortable allowing 80 people. Will install an NFPA 72 fire system. Fire chief uploaded a letter of support. Would also install a fire alarm station and it will be manual. The system will also be fully complaint. System will be monitored as well. Building has not yet been used as an event venue.

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## 7. Industrialized Building Systems Applications and Renewals

- i. None

## 8. Report on Administrative Review

- a. Commission Review (Action Required)

- i. None

- b. New Cases – Monitoring Only

- i. None

- c. Ongoing Cases

- i. Copper Spoon vs. Department of Homeland Security
- ii. Metalworking Lubricants Company vs. Indianapolis Fire Department
- iii. Huntington County Community Schools

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, February 3, 2026, 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 12:15 PM