AGENDA & MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DETAILS

Date: February 3, 2026
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
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 9:00 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Name	Present		Means of Communication
	Yes	No	

Craig Burgess	☒	☐	In Person
Logan Cook	☒	☐	In Person
Todd Hite	☒	☐	In Person
James Murua	☒	☐	In Person
Buckie Olaleye	☒	☐	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Michael Patarino	☒	☐	In Person
Michael Popich	☐	☒	
Lane Slaughter	☒	☐	In Person
Kenneth Wagner	☒	☐	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Michael Zehner	☐	☒	

3. Review of January 2026 Minutes

Motion:	**Vote**	
Approved*	**Yes**	**No**
Craig Burgess	☒	☐
Logan Cook	☒	☐
Todd Hite	☒	☐
James Murua	☒	☐
Buckie Olaleye	☒	☐
Michael Patarino	☒	☐
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter	☒	
Kenneth Wagner	☒	☐
Michael Zehner		

i. IDHS Variance Determinations Report as required by 675 IAC 12-5-6.2(f)
ii. An Update from IDHS on House Bill 1003. Pending legislation transfers the Commission's responsibilities and administrative rules to IDHS.
iii. Logan Cook asked about attendance requirements for the Commission. He noted Michael Zehner hasn't attended multiple meetings.
iv. A Resolution was proposed and passed unanimously that the Commission continue to meet and follow through with the work required of the Commission.

4. Rulemaking Updates

i. Electrical Code Update Committee – The public hearing has been set for March 18, 2026, in Conference Room A.
ii. Building Code Update Committee – The Building Code Update Committee is scheduled to meet on February 11, 2026, in Conference 1+2.

iii. Fire Code Update Committee – The Fire Code Update Committee is scheduled to meet on February 11, 2026, in Conference 1+2.

iv. Lift Device Update Committee – No current update that is different from the previous month.

5. Variances

a. Tabled

i. 25-08-59 Wood Capital Pizza (Jasper) – No proponent present at meeting to discuss where they stand with the variance or give updates to the Commission.

Motion: Denied	**Vote**	
	Yes	**No**
Craig Burgess	☒	☐
Logan Cook	☒	☐
Todd Hite	☒	☐
James Murua	☒	☐
Buckie Olaleye	☒	☐
Michael Patarino	☒	☐
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter	☒	
Kenneth Wagner	☒	☐
Michael Zehner		

ii. 25-11-25 Wavemax Laundry (Indianapolis) – The proponent has requested that this variance be tabled until the March 2026 Commission meeting.

Motion: Tabled	**Vote**	
	Yes	**No**
Craig Burgess	☒	☐
Logan Cook	☒	☐
Todd Hite	☒	☐
James Murua	☒	☐
Buckie Olaleye	☒	☐
Michael Patarino	☒	☐
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter	☒	
Kenneth Wagner	☒	☐
Michael Zehner		

iii. 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 that would be to have an additional building constructed. They are hoping in a year to begin 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.

Motion: Tabled	**Vote**	
	Yes	**No**
Craig Burgess	☒	☐
Logan Cook	☒	☐
Todd Hite	☒	☐
James Murua	☒	☐
Buckie Olaleye	☒	☐
Michael Patarino	☒	☐
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter	☒	
Kenneth Wagner	☒	☐
Michael Zehner		

b. New

i. 26-01-33: Kunkel Square Exit (Evansville) – Risers for secondary stairways shall not permit the passage of a 4" sphere. Request is to not provide a space that a 4" sphere cannot pass for a secondary set of stairs.

Motion: **Motion to Dismiss (no variance required)**	**Vote**	
	Yes	**No**
Craig Burgess	☐	☒
Logan Cook	☒	☐
Todd Hite	☒	☐

James Murua	☐	☒
Buckie Olaleye	☒	☐
Michael Patarino	☒	☐
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter	☒	
Kenneth Wagner	☐	☒
Michael Zehner		

ii. 26-01-32: Bennet's Greenhouse (Lafayette) – An A2 occupancy with an occupant load over 100 is required to have a fire suppression system. Request is not to provide a sprinkler system for a wedding hall with an occupant load of 261.

Motion: Tabled	**Vote**	
	Yes	**No**
Craig Burgess	☒	☐
Logan Cook	☒	☐
Todd Hite	☒	☐
James Murua	☒	☐
Buckie Olaleye	☒	☐
Michael Patarino	☒	☐
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter	☒	
Kenneth Wagner	☒	☐
Michael Zehner		

iii. 26-01-34 Bennet's Greenhouse (Lafayette) – Request is to place a tent, 3,920sf, in operation from April 1, 2026 - November 7, 2026.

Motion:	**Vote**	
Approved with conditions (see below)	**Yes**	**No**
Craig Burgess	☒	☐
Logan Cook	☒	☐
Todd Hite	☒	☐
James Murua	☒	☐
Buckie Olaleye	☒	☐
Michael Patarino	☒	☐
Michael Popich		
Lane Slaughter	☒	
Kenneth Wagner	☒	☐
Michael Zehner		

Variance to expire on December 31, 2028. Fire department access shall meet the 2014 Indiana Fire Code for permanent structures. An inspection shall be performed every 60 days and after any heavy precipitation and wind event.

6. Industrialized Building Systems Applications and Renewals

i. None

7. Report on Administrative Review

a. Commission Review (Action Required)
   i. None

b. New Cases – Monitoring Only

   i. None

c. Ongoing Cases

   i. Metalworking Lubricants Company vs. Indianapolis Fire Department

d. New Filings – Commission Review / Action Needed

   i. None

e. OALP Final Orders – No action required.

   i. None

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission shall take place on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 9:00am**. However, due to pending legislation (HB 1003), the meeting may be cancelled – the decision will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

If conducted, 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.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM