



# INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

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### MEETING DETAILS

**Date:** May 12th, 2025

**Time:** 1:30 pm

**Location:** MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN 46168

**Meeting Materials:** [Meeting Materials](#)

**Live Stream Access:** (via Microsoft Teams) [Join the meeting now](#)

(Meeting ID: 242 679 017 354 Passcode: 9JR9Ef6w)

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### MEMBER INFO

Name – Appt. Authority – Term Start – Term End	Name – Appt. Authority – Term Start – Term End
Johnathan Whitham, IDHS Designee-N/A	Stephanie McKinney, EMA Director-Governor-7/1/23
Stephen Jones, State Fire Marshal, -N/A-N/A-N/A	Shawn French, Industry Rep-Governor-7/8/13
Jeff Larmore, REHS-Governor-1/8/16	Travis Tschaenn, Town Council-Governor-1/1/25
Bruce Palin, Public Rep-Governor-7/8/13	Aaron Sims, Mayor-Governor-8/25/23
Myra McShane, IDEM-Governor-N/A-N/A-N/A	
Matt Bilkey, ISP- Governor-N/A-N/A-N/A	

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- 1. Call to Order:** At 1:30 PM EST The Chairman called the May 12th, 2025, Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) meeting to order. Four members attended the meeting electronically by videoconference through Microsoft Teams, pursuant to the requirements of [Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5-3.6.](#)
  - 2. Roll Call and Quorum:** A roll call was conducted to determine member attendance.  
  
Quorum was met.



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## Member Attendance

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Stephen Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Johnathan Whitham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Stephanie McKinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Chris Barr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Matt Bilkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Jeff Larmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
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Aaron Sims	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Travis Tschann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)

## Notes

Additional information may be available at the [DHS Boards and Commissions Page](#).

Melissa Amerman, Lauren Francis, Sean Wooding, Russell Feuquay, Rusty Goodpaster from IDHS attended in-person and Jackie Pulley also from IDHS attended online.

- IERC Reports and Updates:** Chairman Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting. A few train derailments non involving Hazardous waste. "Appreciates all of the trained Boots on the ground here in the state."
- Review and action of February 10th, 2025, Meeting Minutes.** The IERC reviewed and approved the minutes, by a vote of 9-0.



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#### 4. **Fiscal Report:** Update was given by Rusty Goodpaster

- a. MOU for Hazconnect Contract: A vote was taken to approve the amount presented of \$54,590 to continue the contract. July 1st, 2025, through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The vote was approved 8-0, and 1 abstaining.

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Chris Barr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Matt Bilkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
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Aaron Sims	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Travis Tschaenn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams) (Abstained)



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## 5. Business:

### a. Tabled

- i. Unifi Aviation reached out requesting an exemption in Tier II Reporting for propylene Glycol (deicer.) This was tabled until Unifi Aviation responds back to question about whether it is mixed or not.

### b. New

- i. Discussion - Could the Legal Funds be used to bolster counties with dedicated HAZMAT teams? General comment was that it can be. (Comment by Fire Marshal Jones, conditions are that the money has to be moved to a different fund for it to be able to be used.) (Comment by Jeff Larmore – the IERC should use the extra money to fund the Fire Departments for what they're in need of.) With acknowledging the need to hold some of the money back. All agreed that there needs to be more discussions on this and that procedures need to be put in place. With all of these counties needing to do their due diligence to be reimbursed through other earmarked funds first before this fund is used. (Comment by Fire Marshal Jones.)
- ii. LEPC 2024 Compliance – Recommended Funding documents were provided. The IERC voted to give all counties Distribution Monies regardless of complete compliance except for the counties that are Inactive. The vote was approved 9-0.

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Stephanie McKinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)(Abstained from Gibson County)
Chris Barr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Matt Bilkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Jeff Larmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person (Abstained from Marion County)
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iii. Discussion - What can be done legally to require facilities to be compliant?

(Jeff Larmore is requesting that this discussion be brought to the IERC.)

### 6. Public Comments:

- a. Becky Waymire with the Morgan County LEPC had comments on the LEPC Plan and suggested a written directions page. Also commented on the way the Distributions Monies were being given for 2024 and that the standards should stay in place of only giving monies to those that do the requirements.

### 7. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Indiana Emergency Response Commission will take place on Monday, August 11th, 2025, 1:30 pm (Est). The meeting will be held at, MADE@Plainfield, 1610 Reeves Rd, Plainfield, IN 46123. 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 date.

### 8. Adjournment -The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 PM (EST.)

Adjournment was approved by a vote of 9-0.



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Signature:

Date: