



INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DETAILS

Date: August 11th, 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](#)

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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-10/14/16	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 1:33 PM EST The Proxy for the Chairman Rusty Goodpaster called the August 11th, 2025, Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) meeting to order. Three 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 at 2:13 PM to determine member attendance. After Johnathan Whitham arrived, quorum was met.



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Member Attendance

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Stephen Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Johnathan Whitham (proxy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person (Arrived In-person at 1:58 PM)
Stephanie McKinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Rusty Goodpaster (proxy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Matt Bilkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)(Late 2:07 PM, vehicle issues)
Jeff Larmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Shawn French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Bruce Palin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Myra McShane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Aaron Sims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Travis Tschaenn	<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, William Huffer from IDHS attended in-person.

2. IERC Reports and Updates: Rusty Goodpaster proxy for Chairman Jones for the 8-11-25

IERC Meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- Read the Chemical Leaks report provided by Indiana State Fire Marshal Stephen Jones.
- As the IERC requested, 2 new Step-by-step Instructional Power Points (with screen shots) for the LEPC Reports were online, 3 are in the PIO process and 2 more are



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being created by Melissa Amerman. (5 were available for viewing at the meeting in paper form.)

3. **Review and action of May 12th, 2025, Meeting Minutes.** The IERC reviewed and approved the minutes, by a vote of 8-0.

Name	Vote		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Stephen Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Johnathan Whitham (proxy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Stephanie McKinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Rusty Goodpaster (proxy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Matt Bilkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Jeff Larmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Shawn French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Bruce Palin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Myra McShane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Aaron Sims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Travis Tschaenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)

4. **Review and Actions of LEPC Roster Requests for Appointments and Removals from May of 2023 through July 28th, 2025.** The counties that made requests were:

The IERC reviewed and approved the requests as they were, by a vote of 8-0.

Name	Vote		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Stephen Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Johnathan Whitham (proxy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person



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Stephanie McKinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Rusty Goodpaster (proxy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Matt Bilkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)
Jeff Larmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Shawn French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Bruce Palin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Myra McShane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Aaron Sims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Travis Tschaenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)

5. **Fiscal Report:** Update was given by Rusty Goodpaster

- a. Money was requested by the HAZMAT Conference to help fund the conference in the amount of \$10k, but the Fiscal office had already denied the request, so there wasn't any need for the IERC to take a vote.
- b. Facilities report was given by Lauren Francis.
 - i. \$807,720 collected for 2025 which is \$155,700 more than for this year than last year. 6,768 2024 Annual Tier II Reports have been submitted this year, 328 "Active" facilities have not initiated this year's report, 17 facilities have not completed this year's report, 7 incidents have occurred since the last meeting.

6. **Business:**

- a. New
 - i. Discussion - Could the Legal Funds be used to bolster counties with dedicated HAZMAT teams?
 - ii. Discussion - What can be done legally to require facilities to be compliant?
(Jeff Larmore is requesting that this discussion be brought to the IERC.)

7. **Public Comments:**



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- a. Becky Waymire with the Morgan County LEPC expressed her satisfaction with the new LEPC Reports Instructions for the IDHS LEPC webpage and made a “shout-out” to Melissa Amerman.

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Indiana Emergency Response Commission will take place on Friday, October 24th, 2025, 11:30 am (Est), Room 237. 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.

9. **Adjournment** -The Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:46 PM (EST.)

Adjournment was approved by a vote of 8-0.

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	Yes	No	
Stephen Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Johnathan Whitham (proxy)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
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Matt Bilkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Jeff Larmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Shawn French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Bruce Palin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Myra McShane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Person
Aaron Sims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
Travis Tschaenn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Means (MS Teams)

Signature:

Date: