



## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission  
Indiana Government Center South  
Conference Center Room B  
302 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

### CORRECTED AND APPROVED

**1. Pursuant to IC 22-12-2-6, the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's (the Commission) regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Nicoson at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2018.**

a. Commissioners present at the meeting:

Greg Furnish  
Kevin Goeden, representing the Commissioner, Department of Labor  
Joseph Heinsman  
David Henson  
Todd Hite, representing the Commissioner, Department of Health  
James Jordan  
Robin Nicoson, Chairman  
Scott Pannicke  
Michael Popich  
Jessica Scheurich, Vice-Chairman

b. Commissioners absent from the meeting:

Michael Corey

c. The following departmental staff were present during the meeting:

James Schmidt, Deputy Attorney General and Legal Counsel  
Douglas Boyle, Director of Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission  
Craig Burgess, State Building Commissioner  
Denise Fitzpatrick, IDHS Code Specialist  
Alan Blunk, IDHS Plan Review Section Chief

Kevin Troy, State Fire Marshal's Office – Code Enforcement Assistant Section Chief  
Sarah Chaney, FPBSC's Secretary

**2. Director Boyle conducted roll call, and noted that quorum was present.**

**3. Review and Action on Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

Commissioner Pannicke noted that he seconded the motion on 18-10-10, and he made the motion on 18-10-06 and 18-10-51. Commissioner Popich stated he didn't motion or second on 18-10-06. Commissioner Heinsman abstained from 18-10-60, 18-10-48, and 18-10-50. It was also mentioned 18-10-63 needed a separating space between the prior variance and the title. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the mentioned corrections, followed by a second. The motion was voted on and carried.

**4. State Building Commissioner's Report**

State Building Commissioner Craig Burgess provided a brief update on the first annual Indiana Building Academy. He advised that it will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at Purdue University, with attendance expected to be between 70 to 80 individuals. Mr. Burgess stated that advertising and contacting the core audience, small businesses and entrepreneurs, will be an ongoing challenge. He plans to update the Commission when feedback on the event is received.

**5. Rulemaking Updates**

2018 Elevator Code Committee Update

Director Boyle stated the Indiana Elevator Code Committee met on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, and continued its review of ASME A17.1 – 2016 Edition. He stated the next committee meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, 2018 in the Teleconference Media Center

2018 Residential Code Committee Update

Commissioner Furnish stated that the Indiana Residential Code Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2018 in Conference Room 2 of Indiana Government Center South, and they will review Chapter 39 through the Appendices of the 2018 International Residential Code. Commissioner Furnish expects that the draft rule of the new Indiana Residential Code will be ready for the Commission's review and approval by January 2019.

**6. Petitions for Administrative Review- Director Boyle stated that the following petitions for administrative review were timely filed, and forwarded to the administrative law judge:**

IDHS Inspection Report Order State Number AE3033922  
Lark Ranch (Greenfield)

IDHS Inspection Report Order State Number HM15278

Culver Cove Lakeside Condominiums

IDHS Inspection Report Order State Number 38707  
Porter-Starke Services

**7. Commission Action on Non-Final Orders of Dismissal**

Scott County School District 2  
Cause Number: DHS-1749-FPBSC-027

De Amicis Mutual Aid Society  
Cause Number: DHS-1801-FPBSC-001

Director Boyle presented the administrative law judge's non-final orders of dismissal for the above-mentioned cases, and requested that a motion be made to affirm the administrative law judge's order without modification. Commissioner Scheurich made a motion to affirm the administrative law judge's orders without modification. Commissioner Furnish seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried.

**8. Commission Review of Local Ordinances**

Ordinance No. 399  
Town of Princes' Lakes, Indiana Building Code  
*Submitted to IDHS/Commission Staff electronically on 10/11/2018*

Commissioner Furnish made a motion to table Ordinance No. 399 until the next meeting, to allow staff more time to review the ordinance. Commissioner Scheurich seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried.

**9. Next Year's Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Schedule and New Meeting Location Prospects:**

Before moving on to variance application considerations, Chairman Nicoson advised that he has tasked commission staff and the Department (IDHS) to look into finding a new meeting location for the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's meetings. Director Boyle advised that he personally had not yet had the opportunity to begin this project, but intended to find a new meeting location for the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission towards the latter half of 2019. Director Boyle also advised that the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's meeting schedule/dates will be updated on the website in the coming days.

**10. Variances**

- a. Tabled

18-06-07 Calvary United Methodist Church Ansul System, Syracuse – *paper filing*

Tabled: Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Scheurich

Proponent requested that this variance application be tabled until the next meeting.

18-08-02 Lindberg Point, West Lafayette

Approved submitted: Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Scheurich

18-08-16 The Landing Development – 116 Renovation, Fort Wayne

Tabled: Commissioner Scheurich; Commissioner Popich

Commissioner Scheurich requested that staff follow up the submitter of the variance application, since the Commission has tabled the variance application several times.

18-08-62 Homestead Apartments Fire and Building Code Violation, West Baden Springs

Tabled: Commissioner Scheurich; Commissioner Jordan

Commissioner Pannicke asked if he checked if one window per bedroom was operable in each unit. State Building Commissioner asked if the structure required two exits within travel distance didn't need the windows. Allen Beck, proponent, said he talked to the Fire Chief at West Baden and French Lick and neither has an issue with it. This building on the historical national registry. Typically these building have sealed windows according to Commissioner Henson. Ed Rensink, RTM, stated that if the building is sprinklered and two exits on every floor then it doesn't require it to have the egress, but would need two enclosed stairs ways from every floor. The stairwells currently exit into the lobby. Commission asked for update drawings as the current only show the second floor, and they asked for an inspection report.

18-10-02 Tippy Creek Winery Cables, Leesburg – paper filing

Denied: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Goeden

Michael Wilson & Daniel Richcreek asked for a variance for the lighting on the structure sitting over the outdoor area. They have it at the highest point on the building. They have a poll to get it higher. There are no electrical in the attic area. Commissioner Pannicke said the concern is the bulbs get hot, and at 6.5 ft. they can be a hazard. State Building Commissioner asked if there was a way to restrict the public from walking under it.

18-10-38 Mitchell's Red Cedar Farm the Old Gray Barn, Frankfort

Tabled: Commissioner Scheurich; Commissioner Popich

Carrie Ballinger, RTM, stated the concern last month was that it was filed in a Rule 13 rather than a Chapter 34 because Rule 13 doesn't address stability or life safety. They are now requesting Chapter 34 instead. There are a couple repairs that need to be made. Carrie said she emailed Ms. Fitzpatrick the inspection report today. Commissioner Nicoson stated Code Consultants cannot email the morning of and expect the commission to look at this in a few short minutes.

18-10-48 (a) City Edge, Indianapolis

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Popich  
Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman

Ed Rensink, RTM, stated they uploaded an additional attachment. The code establishes a 60 ft. They want to get a variance for 62 ft.

b. New Variances - Category A/B

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Scheurich; Commissioner Furnish

18-11-02 College Park Egress Windows, Bloomington – *paper filing*

18-11-05 (a) (b) (c) (d) Sandhill School, LaGrange

18-11-06 (a) (b) (c) (d) Woodland Echoes School, Ligonier

18-11-07 Storage Express-Lebanon-Building 14, Lebanon

18-11-10 (a) (b) Village Dental at Saxony, Fishers

18-11-11 (a) (b) Midtown Flats, Carmel

18-11-12 IU Health North Cancer Care Center, Carmel

18-11-15 Continental Property Group, Fort Wayne

18-11-17 A & R Woodworking, Goshen

18-11-27 (a) (b) (c) Samaritan Senior – 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis

***Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman***

18-11-30 St. Jude Catholic Church: Exterior Canopy Addition, Indianapolis

***Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman***

18-11-39 Allisonville Road Water Treatment Facility, Noblesville

18-11-43 Indiana Tech Residence Hall & Retail, Fort Wayne

18-11-45 Morrison Street Water Treatment Plant, Morristown

c. New Variances - Category C/D/NVR

**Self- Representing Applicants/Architects/Designers/Non- Consultants outside of Indianapolis metropolitan area:**

18-11-01 Menards, Kokomo – *paper filing*

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Furnish  
Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman, Commissioner Hite

Rodney Wekkins asked for a variance to not construct a fire access road behind the building. This was submitted with a local support letter. To the left of the building is a concrete plant, and the other side is railroad tracks. Trucks can clear the lumber yard gates.

18-11-03 Bedford Men's Warming Center, Bedford – *paper filing*

Approved with condition(s): Commissioner Popich; Commissioner Scheurich  
Condition(s): Approved until 4/30/2021, and per the Bedford Fire Department letter there is to be a fire and building inspection for compliance before occupying the building. Father Eldridge, St. Mary Church, asked for a variance to extend past the normal 30 days permitted by code to house people temporarily. The community is supporting a Men's warming center to be open from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be showers, restrooms, and 24 hour monitoring. The long term goal is to fundraise for a full time shelter as they did for women and children. The max capacity is 20 people a night as of right now, but they don't want to deny people. Staff will be paid and will work longer shifts. Emergency lighting is provided now.

18-11-09 Prides Creek Event Center, Petersburg

Approved with Commission condition(s): Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Popich  
Commission condition(s): The shunts trips for entertainment use are to be labeled, occupancy load is set at a max of 280, and the kitchen is only for warming.

Timothy Henning requested a variance to not sprinkler the new Pike County Event Center due to the cost of running a 4 inch line under a highway to the building. They are unable to provide a hydrant due to the same. Its 9.5 lbs. of pressure short of currently being able to push through a sprinkler system. There is a dry hydrant, 4 exits from the big room, the doors will have panic hardware, and exit signage. Fire alarm system will be tied to electrical outlets to turn off the music in the event of a fire.

**Breaking and reconvening: Chairman Nicoson recessed the Commission at 10:21 a.m. It was called back to order at 10:33 a.m.**

18-11-13 Renovation to Charlestown Middle School, Charlestown

Tabled: Commissioner Goeden; Commissioner Scheurich. Withdrawn at the end of the meeting.

Proponent requested a variance to not put sprinkler heads over the IT data equipment. Another school had a leak which costed a lot of time and money. Commissioner Scheurich asked if they would be willing to make the walls fire rated. Commissioner Pannicke asked what happens if this room changes use. Tim Clapp, Bloomington FD, said if the commission approves this a wave of these will follow. Randy Cully suggested they add shielding to prevent the equipment from becoming wet. At the end of the meeting,

Director Boyle advised that he had received an email from the submitter stating that he will be withdrawing this variance application.

18-11-14 Renovation to River Valley Middle School, Jeffersonville

Tabled: Commissioner Heinsman; Commissioner Henson. Withdrawn at the end of the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, Director Boyle advised that he had received an email from the submitter stating that he will be withdrawing this variance application.

18-11-24 Prairie Heights Middle School Roof Replacement, LaGrange

Approved with Commission condition(s): Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Scheurich

Commission condition(s): The wet areas are to be exposed down to the decking, inspected, and repaired as necessary.

Proponent asked for a variance to not tare the roof off down to the decking. They want to only take it down to the first layer. They did a scan to show wet spots in the decking, and are going to replace the spots/decking. They also checked for mod and harmful things under the decking.

**Self-Representing Applicants/Architects/Designers/Non-Consultants inside of Indianapolis metropolitan area:**

18-11-18 Public Greens, Indiana polis

Tabled: Commissioner Jordan; Commissioner Heinsman

No proponent was present to speak on behalf of the variance application.

18-11-58 Kimura Foundry America, Shelbyville

Approved with condition(s) – Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Hite

Commission condition(s) – Approved with the addition of a fire alarm system as provided in the letter from the AHJ

Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman

Director Boyle advised that he had corresponded with the submitter/proponent, who was unable to attend the meeting. The request is to allow the sprinkler heads located over the top of the furnace to be capped. Submitter states in his application that a fire alarm system has been installed and fire extinguishers have been added to the building. The Shelbyville Fire Department submitted a letter stating that it is not opposed to the approval of the variance, with the addition of the fully functional fire alarm system.

**Consultants:**

18-11-04 Goodman Warehouse – *paper filing*

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Henson

Roger Lehman, consultant, requested a variance for the distance away from a hydrant. They installed an ESFR sprinkler system instead of the NFPA 13 system. The fire hydrant distance came up, but the closest one is in an apartment complex across a ditch. They are 31 ft. over the distance.

18-11-08 West Lafayette Apartments, West Lafayette

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Popich  
Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman

Carrie Ballinger, RTM, asked for a variance to allow sprinkler closet, IT closet, and storage closet be within the stair well. There are locks on these closets, and only for maintenance staff.

18-11-16 (a) (b) (c) (d) IU McNutt Dining Addition & Renovation, Bloomington

Tabled: Variances (a), (b), (c) and (d) – Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Scheurich

Ralph Gerdes, consultant, variance (a) is for the addition to the building having an A2 and M occupancy. This building has 1 hour fire rating. They don't want to separate between the new and the old. Tim Clapp, Bloomington FD, stated they didn't offer any additional safety factors, and they don't want to sprinkle the top two floors or the R2 occupancy. Ralph stated he thinks the additions on the first two levels improves safety. The first floor is an open dining hall with different food options. Tim stated they are using the cost efficiency excuse, but sorority and fraternities on campus are adding sprinkler systems. They are also asking for a variance to increase the building size by 23000 sq. ft. on the original 4 stories. Variance (b) is the increase in area. Tim Clapp stated he didn't understand why they are designing a building with variances in mind and not just budgeting/designing to code. There was a similar discussion last month. Commissioner Jordan asked if they have a cost for sprinkle ring the other two floors. Commission asked for this cost to be presented.

18-11-19 Covance Nugent Gallery Infill, Indianapolis

Approved with Commission condition(s): Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Popich  
Commission condition(s): Approved until 6/1/2019

Ed Rensink, RTM, variance is for increasing the travel distance to a fire exit during the construction. This will be 338 ft. in total on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The building is sprinklered and will be maintained during the project.



18-11-20 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) P Layfair, Carmel

Approved as submitted: (d) and (e) Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Scheurich, (b) and (c) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Popich, (a) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Furnish

Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman

Ed Rensink, RTM, variance is for the property line issue between two buildings. It's one building with two ownerships due to financial reasons. They have a fire wall and are fully sprinklered. A legal agreement between the owners is in place

18-11-21 (a) (b) (c) (d) Holland, Carmel

Approved as submitted: Variances (a), (b), (c), and (d) – Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Popich

Abstained – Commissioner Heinsman

18-11-22 Union at Crescent, Bloomington

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Popich; Commissioner Henson

Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman

Carrie Ballinger, RTM, Tim Clapp is okay with these variances.

18-11-23 Lilly K150 PDAP Line Shop & Office Mezzanine, Indianapolis

Approved with Commission condition(s): Commissioner Heinsman; Commissioner Pannicke

Commission condition(s): Approved on the condition that the variance only applies to this addition

Ed Rensink, RTM, requested a variance to make this an unlimited area. Lilly is adding on extra sq. ft. to the upper level for a project. They are renovating the first floor and mezzanine. This is a mixed construction building. Commissioner Heinsman asked is unlimited forever or what is current at the time? Commission asked to revisit this every time there is an addition.

18-11-25 IU Health West Vertical Expansion, Avon

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Hite; Commissioner Henson

Ed Rensink, RTM, variance is for enclosed elevator lobbies. Most variances for this come from hotels and apartment complexes. They have 3 existing floors but the lobby is an issue because of the occupational hardship.

18-11-26 (a) (b) (c) Escapology Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne

Approved as submitted: Variances (a), (b), and (c) – Commissioner Popich;  
Commissioner Scheurich

Carrie Ballinger, RTM, variance is to use chapter 34 on this renovation of an existing tenant space for escape rooms. Pass the Ch. 34 without sprinkler but this space will be sprinklered. These spaces have one control room that is monitored at all times. Jim Murua, Fort Wayne FD, is okay with this, but wants to make sure the company monitors the fire and sprinkler system.

18-11-28 Evergreen Crossing, Indianapolis

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Hite; Commissioner Pannicke

Melissa Tupper, RTM, variance to change the occupancy of 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from assisted living to skilled nursing. They want to use NFPA 101 to convert the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. They want to use what CMS is going to enforce on them.

18-11-29 River Centre Apartments Phase 2, Jasper

Approved with Commission condition(s): Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Popich

Commission condition(s): There are to be no combustible appliances on the roof deck

Melissa Tupper, RTM, variance to have a partial enclosed roof deck. Being enclosed is against code. Elevator services up there. They have an NFPA 13 D system. The enclosed space depart is to keep weather out of the stairs and house restrooms. This is for apartments.

18-11-31 Butler University – Lacy School of Business, Indianapolis

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Heinsman; Commissioner Jordan  
Abstained: Commissioner Popich

Ralph Gerdes, consultant, variance is for electrical conduit to penetrate through the wall on the fourth level for atrium lighting. There is another conduit that serves external lighting that is required. This is 2 hour construction. They have included fire stopping, and the stairs are noncombustible with a sprinkler at the top and bottom.

18-11-32 (a) (b) (c) Spartan Activity Centre – Connersville Hs, Connersville

Approved as submitted: (b) (c) Commissioner Furnish; Scheurich, (a) Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Jordan.

Dave Cook, consultant, variance (a) is to sprinkle the additions but not the existing. There will be fire wall build up between them on the gym wall attaching to the existing building. Addition is structurally independent.

18-11-33 Terrance Lake Church Addition, Columbus

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Henson

Ed Rensink, RTM, variance is to not separate the addition and the existing. The addition is 28061 sq. ft. and will be sprinklered throughout even the outside wall. This is noncombustible 2B construction.

18-11-34 Hibberd Building Renovation, South Bend

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Scheurich

Melissa Tupper, RTM, variance is for the windows long the wall that pipe and venting penetration which runs the property line. This wasn't know till construction inspection. Sprinkler on the inside of the window in the unit. They using fire stopping on the penetrations.

18-11-35 (a) (b) Brewer Livestock Addition & Remodel, North Vernon

Approved with Commission condition(s): Variances (a) and (b) – Commissioner Heinsman; Commission Furnish  
Commission Condition(s) – moved to approve with the conditions given in the application

Carrie Ballinger RTM, variances are to expand loading dock area and office to about 1900 sq. ft. This is mostly for livestock. They are providing a 1 hour fire barrier to separate the two sections. Smoke alarm system for the dock and office area that has 3 exits out of each.

**Breaking and reconvening: Chairman Nicoson recessed the Commission for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:00 p.m.**

18-11-36 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) Ruby Jane Apartment Building, North Vernon

Approved as submitted: (a) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Heinsman, (b) Commissioner Jordan; Commissioner Goeden, (c) Commissioner Jordan; Commissioner Heinsman

Denied: (d) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Popich

Tabled: (e) Commissioner Scheurich; Commissioner Furnish

Carrie Ballinger, RTM, variances are for legalizing work that made a 3 story building actually 2 with a taller 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. There is a variance for getting points back on a Chapter

34 evaluation for voice alarm system and fire command center space. They'll get the alarm but not the command system. They will have a NFPA 13D system in apartments above 1<sup>st</sup> floor instead of a 13R. Variance (c) was approved by a hand vote of 6 to 4 in favor of approval.

18-11-37 (a) (b) Gays Hops N Schnapps, Angola

Approved as submitted: (a) Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Scheurich, (b) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Henson

18-11-38 KC Marina Point Hood Vent Evansville

Approved with Commission condition(s): Commissioner Jordan; Commissioner Heinsman

Commission Condition(s): They are to provide a tie off anchor to the ridge.

Roger Lehman, consultant, variance is for a service platform for a kitchen hood. To service this they have to walk on the metal roof. This has been open for decades.

18-11-40 (a) (b) Duck Pin Bowling, Franklin

Variance (a): Approved as submitted – Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Heinsman

Variance (b): Approved with Commission Condition(s) – Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Popich

Commission Condition(s): Posted occupancy load is 10 people on the mezzanine

Carrie Ballinger, RTM, variance (a) is to get point back on the evaluation for not providing a fire alarm command center. This building has smoke detection and fire alarms with voice communication. Variance (b) is to consider a posted occupancy load of 10 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor mezzanine.

18-11-41 429 E Morris Two – Family Dwelling, Indianapolis

Approved with Commission condition(s): Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Heinsman

Commission condition(s): approved a nonrated wall and windows, windows cannot change sizes, and this variance applies to the projected soffits.

18-11-42 (a) (b) Princeton Library Addition, Princeton

Approved as submitted: (b) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Jordan, (a) Commissioner Popich; Commissioner Furnish

Roger Lehman, consultant, variance (b) is a domed entry area. They will sprinkler the entire building. There will be smoke detectors. Variance (a) they want to open the ramps that aren't compliant. They have a compliant elevator and area of refuge.

18-11-44 (a) (b) (c) Anderson Intermediate School Remodel and Addition, Anderson

Approved as submitted: (b) (c) Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Jordan, (a) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Henson

Melissa Tupper, RTM, variance (a) is for two hour fire barrier to separate. This is a one-story building with new fire alarm and smoke detection system.

18-11-46 Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, Indianapolis

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Popich; Commissioner Scheurich

Christina Collester, RTM, Variance is for unlimited area. Parts of the building they have tried to use fire walls to separate the three areas. Some have rated garage doors. Some have dailor systems. Property line falls before the railroad track. They don't want to replace the fire wall or meet the 60 ft. This is for the new longer buses for the Red Line.

18-11-47 Fort Wayne Country Club New Pool, Fort Wayne

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Hite; Commissioner Scheurich  
Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman

Ed Rensink, RTM, variance is for wall between activity area and shallow area in a new pool. If they have openings in that wall then they wouldn't need the variance. This is so both sides don't need to be shut down in an event.

18-11-48 Ceres Partner Office Renovation, South Bend

Tabled: Commissioner Popich; Commissioner Scheurich

Ed Rensink, RTM, as noted in the staff report the variance was denied last month (18-10-10). This would be a limited use elevator. The third floor is being added as part of the project. Phase one recall and a safety governor can be added. Engineer letter stated the shaft will support this elevator. It has a \$30k cost difference. Commissioner Corey in the previous meeting was very concerned about this having 4 stops.

18-11-49 Fairfield Inn and Suites, Jasper

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Scheurich; Commissioner Heinsman

Melissa Tupper, RTM, Variance is for the shaft not to go to the roof and the vent diameter to not match the shaft. Instead they would have a 6inch opening with a continuous fan.

18-11-50 (a) (b) (c) (d) Blackford High School Gymnasium Addition, Hartford City

Approved as submitted: (d) Commissioner Heinsman; Commissioner Scheurich, (a) Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Heinsman, (b) Commissioner Furnish; Commissioner Jordan

Approved with Commission condition(s): (c) Commissioner Popich; Commissioner Scheurich

Commission condition(s): Approved until 9/1/2019

Carrie Ballinger, RTM, (a) is to add to the existing school building. This would be a 2 hour barrier instead of a wall. (d) Addresses the issue of the location on the barrier is within the new building so the existing building is consuming some of the addition. This is over the allowable are. (c) is for closing off two exits. Each exit will be closed off at different times in the gym. Construction will be done in August of 2019

18-11-51 Covance Freezer Platform, Indianapolis

Approved with Commission condition(s): Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Popich

Commission condition(s): Approved until 12/31/2019

Abstained: Commissioner Heinsman

Ed Rensink, RTM, this variance is for a temporary means of egress while the addition is being built. The travel distance is 320 ft. The project will start in January 2019 and end in December 2019.

18-11-52 (a) (b) Rose-Hulman Academic Building, Terre Haute

Approved as submitted: Variances (a) and (b) – Commissioner Scheurich; Commissioner Jordan

Abstained: Commissioner Pannicke

Ed Rensink, RTM, stated they are adding a fire wall between the additions. The variance is asking to allow sprinklers to be at each window instead of fire rated windows. The building next door (Meijer) is sprinklered as well.

18-11-53 Sellersburg Ramada Inn, Sellersburg

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Furnish

Christina Collester, RTM, stated they would like to open a now conference room to use as a breakfast room. This is a sprinklered building. The dry pipe system isn't working in

the attic due to rot. They are going to fix them instead of shutting off. Shelly Wakefield, Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz, Inc., spoke on behalf of the Town of Sellersburg, and stated that they are supportive of the Commission's approval of the variance.

18-11-54 Garfield Brewery, Indianapolis

Tabled: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Scheurich

Abstained: Commissioner Popich

Christina Collester, RTM, variance is for a freezer that was inside the building, but due to being moved outside it is now a premanufactured structure so it would need inspections. Attached to the slab correctly but can't be inspected as a new building. Employees go in and out. State Building Commissioner Stated the GAR doesn't address whether this is a structure or not. He is concerned it's never been exposed to roof loads. The city calls it an occupied space. Christina said if you put this under a lean it would just be another piece of equipment

18-11-55 Cleveland Township Fire Station, Elkhart

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Henson

Melissa Tupper, RTM, variance is for a space that doesn't qualify as a mezzanine. This fire station wants to use it as storage. The travel distance is 79 ft. to the bottom of the stairs, and then they can take two paths out of the building. One is 122 ft. which is the shortest.

18-11-56 (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f) BSU North Residential Neighborhood Phase #2, Muncie

Approved as submitted: (b) (f) Commissioner Scheurich; Commissioner Jordan, (a) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Heinsman, (c) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Henson, (e) Commissioner Heinsman; Commissioner Jordan.  
Variance (d) withdrawn.

Ralph Gerdes, consultant, (a) deals with 2 hour shaft for piping and duct work. These shaft per code have to be on the floor or self-supporting. We want to sit it on zero floor. (c) Deals with the open stairways. They want to have five story open stairway. Code only allows for 4 stories. (e) Deals with smoke gaskets on the doors. They are costly and costly to Maintenance.

18-11-57 Wright Implements Addition, Corydon – *late filing*

Approved as submitted: Commissioner Henson; Commissioner Pannicke

Christina Collester, RTM, This variance is for a John Deere dealership. They are adding on a shop plan. This will take them to 14000 sq. ft. for the vehicle repair area and show

floor. Water main is across the highway, and they can't afford to pipe from there for a sprinkler system. This will have a 3 hour separation wall.

18-11-59 (a) (b) 4600 Washington Avenue, Evansville – **(b) late filing**

Variance (a): Approved with Commission condition(s) – Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Furnish

Variance (b): Approved as submitted – (b) Commissioner Pannicke; Commissioner Heinsman

Commission Condition(s) – The sprinkler system shall be activated if someone occupies the building or if storage is moved into the building. Signage shall be provided so the fire department is aware that the sprinkler system has been turned off/temporarily placed out of service.

Roger Lehman, consultants, variance (a) is for a 2 hour barrier instead of a fire wall and a 1 hour corridor. This building is completely sprinklered. They don't want to penetrate the roof. Variance (b) is to not heat the building this winter. The owner had the gas shut off, and doesn't want to pay to heat it for 5 months before construction.

18-06-07 Calvary United Methodist Church Ansul System, Syracuse – **paper filing**

Director Boyle gave an update stating Jim Rose is now the Trustee for the church. Mr. Rose had emailed commission staff, stating he couldn't find a good company to disable the hood, and requested advice in determining how to bring final resolution to the matter. Commissioner Pannicke stated this either needs to carry this in place or have it removed. The proponent (Mr. Rose) needs to attend the next meeting.

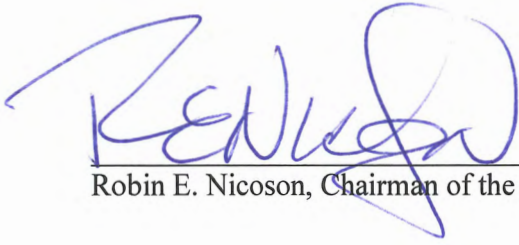
## **11. Comments and Closing Remarks**

Chairman Nicoson said have a safe trip home, and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving!

## **12. Adjournment at 3:31 p.m.**



Approved this day, the 3rd of December, 2018, by the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission of the State of Indiana.



Robin E. Nicoson, Chairman of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission