

AGENDA

For the March 2025 Meeting

MEETING DETAILS

Date: March 6, 2025 **Time:** 9:00am

Location: Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room B

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Name	Present		Means of Participation
	Yes	No	
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes		
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		
John Crisp	\boxtimes		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	Arrived in person at 11:28 a.m.
James Murua	\boxtimes		
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes		Electronic Means (MS Teams)
David Porter	\boxtimes		
Lane Slaughter			N/A
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes		Electronic Means (MS Teams)

3. Review of February 2025 Minutes

Motion:	Vote	
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook (A)		
John Crisp	\boxtimes	

Todd Hite		
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich		
David Porter		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner		
Michael Zehner		

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
 - a. The Electrical Code is scheduled to meet March 19th to vote on and review the Draft Proposed Rule and the Regulatory Analysis.
- ii. Building Code Update Committee
 - a. The Building Code is not meeting this month. Committee members are taking this time to wrap up any outstanding proposals that are still on the board.
- iii. Fire Code Update Committee
 - a. The Fire Code is not meeting this month. Committee members are taking this time to wrap up any outstanding proposals that are still on the board.
- iv. Lift Device Update Committee
 - a. Hoping to get Lift Device back on the calendar here soon, but as of right now there is no meeting scheduled.

6. Variances

a. Tabled

i. 24-10-48 2430 Northview Ave (Indianapolis) – No proponent present.

Motion:	Vote	
Denied	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	

Todd Hite		
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter		
Kennth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

ii. 24-12-82 New Observation Deck – Boulder Falls (Muncie) – Observation deck does qualify for an exception that is not required to have accessibility based on the fact that it is less than 25% of total combined area. The total square footage includes any area where people could consume food. It is not considered a mezzanine but is essentially an 'occupied roof'. A117.1 doesn't actually cover the situation – doesn't allow nor prohibit it.

Motion:	V	ote
Approved with Conditions:	Yes	No
Occupant load set at 26 persons seated at		
any given time and have the stair be an		
accessible route which requires 48 inches		
between the handrails.		
Craig Burgess		\boxtimes
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Todd Hite		
James Murura	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich		\boxtimes
David Porter		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		

iii. 25-01-82 St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church (Zionsville) – Zionsville cited them for the fire barrier not being a horizontal offset. There will be a continuous rating, there is a small organ balcony so they were unable to get all the way to the roof.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook		
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Todd Hite		
James Murua		
Buckie Olaleye		
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich		
David Porter		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

iv. 25-01-83 Franciscan Health Munster Hospital Expansion (Munster) – The Building Code states that when you step out you need to see exterior exit. Proponent requests as long as exit signage can guide people to the exterior of the building and the exterior sign is visible, should be allowed. The 2018 code allows exit signage to be used to guide people to the exterior of the building and the variance has been granted several times throughout the State. Fire Code requires that when room is interior to the building no adjoining exterior wall that has ventilation has to be enclosed in shaft construction – this variance has also been granted several times throughout the State.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess		
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Todd Hite		
James Murua		
Buckie Olaleye		
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich		
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

b. New

i. 25-02-44 Bright Beginner's Academy (Dyer) – No proponent present.

Motion:	Vote	
Tabled	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Todd Hite		
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

ii. 25-02-45 Carport (Greenwood) – Built carport to property line but was unaware about the 5ft property line requirement. Main importance is to keep neighbor's house from catching on fire. Trying to keep car sheltered in the winter due to personal injuries. Closest fire hydrant is four houses down. This is an older neighborhood, so a lot of people don't want to put the money in to make something of this nature a permanent structure. Commissioner of Greenwood said he was not going to contest anything.

Motion:	Vote	
Tabled	Yes	No
Craig Burgess		
Logan Cook		
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Todd Hite		
James Murua		
Buckie Olaleye		
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	

Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

iii. 25-02-46 Caterpillar – Large Engine Center – East Training Tent (Lafayette) – Fabric structure that had an existing variance that expires March 31, 2025. 11,000 square foot structure used for storage of noncombustible material. Request that 2,500 square feet is used to conduct a few training sessions throughout the month (crane and hoist/forklift training) – these happen four times a month with up to 16 employees per session. Remaining 9,000 square feet would still be used for storage of noncombustible items. Looking to extend the variance for one more year at which point the intent is to move the training processes and storage into new building. Caterpillar is building a new 400,000 square foot facility that would open and all processes would move into said facility in early 2026 which would result in no need for the tent.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved with Conditions:	Yes	No
1) The applicant shall comply with all state		
and manufacturer's requirements for		
operation of the tent.		
2) The tent shall be inspected weekly for		
purposes of ensuring its structural stability		
and identifying any apparent safety hazards.		
If during an inspection it is found that the		
tent's structural stability has been		
compromised or another safety hazard exists,		
the tent shall not be occupied until the issues		
has been remedied.		
3) The tent shall not be occupied in the event		
of any actual or forecasted accumulating		
snow or high wind event, which exceeds		
manufacturer or installer recommendations		
or, if neither exist, any limit acceptable by the		
authority having jurisdiction. The tent must be		
reinspected in the event of any high wind or		
accumulating snow.		
4) Open flame and heating and cooking		
sources are not permitted within the tent.		
5) This variance shall expire on March 31,		
2026.		
6) Monthly inspections shall be conducted by		
SunBelt.		

7) An inspection shall be completed of the		
interior/exterior of the tent to determine code		
compliance for electrical and means of		
egress requirements, and applicable codes of		
IFC 2012 (2014 Amendments) Chapter 31		
prior to stated activity.		
8) Inspection per section 3103.7 after any		
wind or snow events, and any structural		
damage by stated activity. Reports of		
inspection per section 3103.7.1 and above		
conditions to be submitted to the Fire Code Official.		
9) Weekly inspections of the tent to be		
conducted by Caterpillar employees.		
Craig Burgess		П
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Todd Hite		
James Murua		
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	
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iv. 25-02-47 Tractor Supply Company (Muncie) — 1-inch supply supplied fire suppression system. No main for 1,500 feet to tie into. There is a 6-inch main underground, but it just disappears. It would cost \$500,000 plus to get a system with water. Proponent requests to get a 10,000-gallon tank (would hold around 6,500-6,700 gallons of water, the rest would be air pressure to serve the pressures itself) which would cost around \$10,000. This tank will provide a lot more protection than what is currently used.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Todd Hite		

James Murua	\boxtimes		
Buckie Olaleye			
Michael Patarino		П	
Michael Popich			
David Porter		П	
Lane Slaughter			
Kenneth Wagner			
Michael Zehner			
v. 25-02-48 Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience Event Tent (Indianapolis) – Previous variance, tent has already been erected (2017-2018). Four different types of layouts provided that have been consistently used from prior variances, but no structural design of the tent was provided. The commission was told that it was the same size tent as has been used in the past (40x100). Skeleton of the tent remains but the walls gets taken down (permanent frame and then tent material gets covered that is fire retardant. Question is whether or not this is a permanent structure or not if the metal frame is being left up? Motion: Vote Yes No			
Craig Burgess	X	_ I _ I	
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David Porter Lane Slaughter		
Lane Slaughter		
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Kenneth Wagner ⊠		
Michael Zehner		

vii. 25-02-50 Sweet Aviation New Hangar and Offices (Fort Wayne) – Proponent would like to use the latest edition of the code. Is looking to use a water mist spray instead of a closet agent. Unsure of the new agent so looking to avoid using it at the current time until further research has been conducted.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

viii. 25-02-51 Eagle Cotton Mill Hotel (Madison) – Four-story cotton mill building that was vacant until it was converted into a hotel about 5 years ago. It is a type 4 building and meets all the requirements. The ice machine rooms are enclosed and have doors that need to be held open as they have trouble overheating, which is the reason behind why the doors needed to be help open instead of being enclosed in the room.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	

Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

ix. 25-02-52 Pike High School Bleacher Replacement (Indianapolis) – Expanding the occupant load while decreasing the aisle width. The bleachers are on the upper balcony level – the bleachers are set into the building structure. Overall, when replacing bleachers the goal is to try and maintain the seating as close to the number as they can while complying with all the current code requirements. The new bleachers will comply with vertical aisle waves, handrails, and correct rise and run. Proponent is increasing the current condition to maximize what they can with the existing space.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess		
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Todd Hite		
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino		\boxtimes
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

x. 25-02-53 Little Loves (Lawrenceburg) – Four months into their operation proponent changed in a registered ministry without realizing that it changed the fire safety standard. Is only seeking a temporary variance because the proponent is looking for another location as her lease is up in August but would like to be out as soon as

possible. The current location is in a strip mall that has no sprinkler system. The system that the proponent requested to use is only made for ships – so the system will not work with her current situation. The room in question does not have direct access to the outside, it is 13x13 and is the nap room for infants. Proponent has a fire safety evacuation plan, residential smoke detectors in space, and fire extinguishers.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved with Conditions:	Yes	No
1) Have a staff member in the room while it is		
being used/occupied.		
2) Variance expires after 60 days – which is		
May 31, 2025.		
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

xi. 25-02-54 Marion County Youth & Family Services Center (Indianapolis) – Area of concern is the intake/processing area of the juvenile center. It is a raised area (2-steps up) and looking to not have railings because it is something that can easily be run into. The concern is the number of people who work in the area, the juveniles being processed in, and it being the most highly volatile area of the building. Overall, it is a safety issue for the staff. The exit signs are in the same intake/processing area. The proponent does not want to provide brail on a placard sign because it could be used as a weapon should it be ripped from the wall. There are no placard signs in the inside of the center, but there are placard signs (and not painted signs) outside of the center.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved with Conditions:	Yes	No
Add signage to use roof tie off per OSHA that		
requires harnessing said tie off.		
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	

John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich		
David Porter	\boxtimes	
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

xii. 25-02-55 Project Mastodon (Fort Wayne) – 5-story building (ground floor plus 4) designed to store products such as 'White Out, perfume, etc. (not gallon size but 16 ounces or less). Over designed sprinkler system for what is required. There is an increase in limits to maintain to add small scale flammable products. They will be storing less than half a gallon of liquid per pod (which are a variety of products that are available on the market). The tenant is undergoing revision to operation program which would filter the products that are coming in.

Motion:	Vo	ote
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp	\boxtimes	
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

xiii. 25-02-56 ISBVI & ISD Co-Lo (Indianapolis) – Revamping the entire campus and this variance is for the residence halls. Floors 2-4 are dwelling units (1 floor for elementary school, middle school, and high school). The exception being requested has been carried through since 2015. The proponent said the school was putting in a ship's ladder, but it is just a vertical ladder, technically a wall ladder, not a ship's ladder. Variance B – each floor would only be required to have one drinking fountain

per the current code, but proponent want to have more drinking fountains for the dwelling spaces. The drinking fountains would be located in the dwelling space and not the common area.

Notion: (Variance A):		Vote	
Tabled	Yes	No	
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes		
Logan Cook	\boxtimes		
John Crisp	\boxtimes		
Todd Hite (Recused)			
James Murua	\boxtimes		
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes		
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes		
Michael Popich	\boxtimes		
David Porter	\boxtimes		
Lane Slaughter			
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes		
Motion (Variances B & C):		Vote	
Approved	Yes		
	162	No	
Craig Burgess	⊠	No	
Craig Burgess Logan Cook			
	\boxtimes		
Logan Cook			
Logan Cook John Crisp			
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Logan Cook John Crisp Todd Hite (Recused) James Murua			
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xiv. 25-02-57 Stakkd TSIN (Whitestown) – Interpretation written by the Building Commissioner, according to the proponent, was not distinct, and was left up to the interpretation of the local official. There are standard roll up overhead doors on storage units, and the code requires a specific amount to be accessible, however there is nothing in the code that addresses the types of hardware that is prohibited.

 \boxtimes

Michael Zehner

There is also nothing in the ICC that says it is prohibited. IDHS legal counsel Tyler Burgauer said the better forum for this is to be an adjudicative body and should not be heard in front of the Commission. He also stated that the Commission should stop issuing a 'no variance required' as it has no legal effect.

Motion:	Vote	
Dismissed (no variance required)	Yes	No
Craig Burgess		
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua		
Buckie Olaleye		\boxtimes
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich		\boxtimes
David Porter		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		\boxtimes

xv. 25-02-58 1933 Lounge (Carmel) – Location for exterior patio has limitations on how it can be exited. One accessible exit that goes to breezeway and the second exit goes back into restaurant space before traveling through dining area and then out the back. Over 50 occupants on the patio required to have panic hardware, therefore unable to provide a secure lockable door. Proponent is asking for an assembly setting to be applied to an exterior door instead of main door.

Motion:	Vote	
Approved with Conditions:	Yes	No
Door kept unlocked during the period that the		
building is occupied and signage to be posted		
to that effect.		
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino	\boxtimes	
Michael Popich	\boxtimes	
David Porter	\boxtimes	

Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

xvi. 25-02-59 GCCS – New Charlestown Elementary School (Charlestown) – Calculated occupant load vs actual occupant load. If the land depth is the limiting factor for total egress width, capacity is sufficient to accommodate. Accommodates an occupant load of 1,415 vs a calculated occupant load of 1,537. It is not that far short of calculated occupant load.

Motion:	Vote	
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess	\boxtimes	
Logan Cook	\boxtimes	
John Crisp		
Todd Hite		
James Murua		
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich		
David Porter		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner		
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

xvii. 25-02-60 GCCS – New Jeffersonville Elementary School (Jeffersonville) – Same facts as above (Variance 25-02-60) but the calculated occupant load is met.

Motion:	Vote	
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess		
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Todd Hite	\boxtimes	
James Murua		
Buckie Olaleye		
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich		
David Porter	\boxtimes	

Lane Slaughter	
Kenneth Wagner	
Michael Zehner	

7. Industrialized Building Systems Applications and Renewals

i. SafeBuilt

Motion:	Vote	
Approved	Yes	No
Craig Burgess		
Logan Cook		
John Crisp		
Todd Hite		
James Murua	\boxtimes	
Buckie Olaleye	\boxtimes	
Michael Patarino		
Michael Popich		
David Porter		
Lane Slaughter		
Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner	\boxtimes	

ii. UL LLC

Motion:		Vote	
Approved	Yes	No	
Craig Burgess			
Logan Cook			
John Crisp			
Todd Hite			
James Murua			
Buckie Olaleye			
Michael Patarino			
Michael Popich			
David Porter			
Lane Slaughter			

Kenneth Wagner	\boxtimes	
Michael Zehner		

8. Report on Administrative Review

- a. OALP Non-Final Orders Commission Review/Action Required as Ultimate Authority
 - i. None
- b. New Cases Monitoring Only
 - i. None
- c. Ongoing Cases
 - i. DHS-2404-000396 Somnath Hospitality v. Seymour Fire Dept.
 - ii. DHS-2407-001585 See Purpose LLC v. IDHS
 - iii. DHS-2409-002502 St. John Lutheran Church and School v. IDHS
 - iv. DHS-2410-002827 Swanson Center v. IDHS
- 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**, **April 1**, **2025**, **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 was called to a close at 4:05 p.m.