

# INDIANA FIRE PREVENTION AND BUILDING SAFETY COMMISSION

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's Exploratory Committee for Code Updates

Video/Teleconference Cisco WebEx Format

Thursday, June 10, 2021

#### APPROVED AS SUBMITTED AT 7/23/2021 MEETING

1. The Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's (the Commission) Exploratory Committee for Code Updates (the Committee) was called to order by Committee Chairman Michael Popich at 9:01 a.m. EDT on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

- a. Committee Members Present:

Michael Popich,	Committee Chairman, City of Indianapolis (local building official) and Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Vice Chairman
Christina Collester,	RTM Consultants, Inc. (code consultant)
Donald Corson,	American Structurepoint, Inc. (licensed engineer)
Doug Elmore,	Gene B. Glick Company Inc. (Indiana Apartment Association representative)
Joshua Frost,	Zionsville Fire Department (local fire official)
Gregory Furnish,	Upright Builders, LLC (Indiana Builders Association representative) and Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission member
Scott Pannicke,	RATIO Architects (licensed architect) and Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Member

- b. Committee Members Absent:

None

- c. Committee Staff Present:

Douglas Boyle,	Director of the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission and Committee Secretary (IDHS)
Justin Guedel,	Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) Deputy General Counsel
Bryston Sprecher,	Administrative Assistant to the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (IDHS)

2. Roll Call/Attendance – Committee Staff

Secretary Boyle conducted roll call, noting that quorum was met with six (6) voting members in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. Greg Furnish was counted as present shortly thereafter, bringing the total number of members present up to all seven (7) members.

3. IDHS/Commission Staff Reports and Updates

a. Final Update regarding Indiana Open Door Law and Public Meeting Requirements during the State of Indiana’s COVID-19 Public Health Emergency – Douglas Boyle, Director of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, & Justin Guedel, IDHS Deputy General Counsel

i. Executive Order 21-13 – Recission of Directives and Restrictions Imposed to Address the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency

ii. Enactment of HEA 1437-2021 – Electronic meetings and signatures

Secretary Boyle informed that the most recent executive order, issued by Governor Holcomb, rescinded all open door law modifications. HEA 1437 was added to permit completely electronic meetings in the face of a public health disaster. Secretary Boyle stated the Committee will continue to meet electronically until the emergency declaration is rescinded. Justin Guedel, Deputy General Counsel, added that once the public health disaster declaration expires, the Committee will be required to abide by the stipulations of a completely in-person meeting.

4. Committee Review and Action on Meeting Minutes

a. Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Secretary Boyle called for amendments or corrections to the Committee’s Tuesday, April 27, 2021 meeting minutes. There were none. As such, Joshua Frost motioned to approve the April 27, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Scott Pannicke made the second. It was voted on and carried.

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Christina Collester</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Donald Corson</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Doug Elmore</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Joshua Frost</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Gregory Furnish</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Scott Pannicke</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Michael Popich</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The April 27, 2021 meeting minutes were **approved as submitted**, with a vote of 7-0.

5. Committee Review and Discussion on Public Comments submitted as of Friday, May 21, 2021

The Committee spent the majority of the day's meeting reviewing the multitude of public comments received and sharing their opinions regarding which codes ought to deserve priority. The Committee's official list of recommendations is as follows:

**Top Priorities**

- ❖ Most Recent Edition of the Electrical Code

**Middle Priorities**

- ❖ The most recent editions of the core family of codes – building code, fire code, plumbing code, fuel gas code, and mechanical code.
  - Building Code Committee will also look at and review the International Existing Building Code (in replacement of Chapter 34 of the current Building Code).
- ❖ Repeal of NFPA Standards Amendments under 675 IAC 28 as core codes are updated.
- ❖ Energy Conservation Code – International Energy Conservation Code

**Low Priorities**

- ❖ Swimming Pool Code
- ❖ Residential Code

Scott Pannicke motioned to adopt this recommendation. Joshua Frost made the second. It was voted on and carried.

	YES	NO
<b>Christina Collester</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Donald Corson</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Doug Elmore</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Joshua Frost</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Gregory Furnish</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Scott Pannicke</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Michael Popich</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The recommendation was **approved**, with a vote of 6-1.

6. Plan Forward

a. Set Meeting Date for July 2021

After some brief discussion, the Committee decided to schedule its next meeting date for Friday, July 23, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m. EDT.


b. Set Agenda for July 2021 Meeting

The Committee will review any additional public comments on the Committee's code update priorities and/or the Commission's existing rules, which will be accepted by Committee staff up until **4:30 EDT on Thursday, July 15, 2021**. Subsequently, the Committee will take care of any last-minute code discussions before beginning the process of generating its final report for the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, as required and set forth in the Committee's bylaws.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Popich adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m. EDT.

APPROVED:

  
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Michael J. Popich, Chairman