

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 Call via Microsoft Teams

Friday, August 6, 2021

1. The Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission's (the Commission) Exploratory Committee for Code Updates (the Committee) virtual meeting/follow-up call was called to order by Committee Chairman Michael Popich at 11:35 a.m. EDT on Friday, August 6, 2021. All members and staff of the Committee participated in the meeting via electronic means through Microsoft Teams.

a. Committee Members Present:

Michael Popich,	Committee Chairman, City of Indianapolis (local building official) and Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Vice Chairman
Donald Corson,	American Structurepoint, Inc. (licensed engineer)
Doug Elmore,	Gene B. Glick Company Inc. (Indiana Apartment Association representative)
Gregory Furnish,	Upright Builders, LLC (Indiana Builders Association representative) and Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Member

b. Committee Members Absent:

Christina Collester,	RTM Consultants, Inc. (code consultant)
Joshua Frost,	Zionsville Fire Department (local fire official)
Scott Pannicke,	RATIO Architects (licensed architect) and Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission Member

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)

d. Guests Present:

Craig Burgess, Indiana State Building Commissioner (IDHS)

2. Roll Call

Mr. Boyle conducted roll call noting that quorum was met with four (4) members present, at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Boyle noted that Christina Collester and Joshua Frost were absent. Mr. Boyle also advised the Committee that Scott Pannicke contacted him prior to the virtual meeting/follow-up call and advised him that he would not be available for the virtual meeting/follow-up call, due to a conflict in travel arrangements.

3. Status Update from Committee Shepherds regarding Responsibilities for Drafting Significant Changes and Fiscal Impact Review Reports/Supplements for the Committee's Report to the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission

Mr. Boyle reminded the members of the Committee that the virtual meeting/follow-up call was intended to be a brief follow-up from the Committee's virtual meeting on to Friday, July 23, 2021, to ensure that all members of the Committee and staff are on the same page regarding responsibilities for drafting individual reports/supplements regarding the significant changes and anticipated fiscal impact of updating the Commission's rules to the most current editions of the national model codes. Mr. Boyle reminded the Committee that the designated Committee "shepherds" were as follows:

- 675 IAC 13 – Indiana Building Code – Donald Corson
- 675 IAC 14 – Indiana Residential Code – Christina Collester
- 675 IAC 16 – Indiana Plumbing Code – Brenda Dant (Indiana PHCC Association) submitted information outlining the major changes between the 2006 International Plumbing Code (2012 Indiana Plumbing Code) and the 2021 International Plumbing Code, along with fiscal impact. This information was submitted to the committee and staff on 5/17/2021.
- 675 IAC 17 – Indiana Electrical Code – Douglas Boyle
- 675 IAC 18 – Indiana Mechanical Code – Michael Popich
- 675 IAC 19 – Indiana Energy Conservation Code – Scott Pannicke
- 675 IAC 20 – Indiana Swimming Pool Code – Christina Collester
- 675 IAC 22 – Indiana Fire Code – Joshua Frost
- 675 IAC 25 – Indiana Fuel Gas Code – Michael Popich

Mr. Boyle advised that Brenda Dant (Indiana PHCC Association) will work in conjunction with Chairman Popich to produce reports/supplements for the Indiana Mechanical Code and the Indiana Fuel Gas Code. Mr. Boyle also advised that Tim McClintock (NEMA, NFPA) will work in conjunction with him to produce a report/supplement for the Indiana Electrical Code. Even though he was absent from the meeting, Mr. Boyle stated that he expects that Joshua Frost will work with other officials and subject matter experts (SMEs) from the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA) and the Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana (FIAI) to produce a

report/supplement for the Indiana Fire Code. At the Committee's Friday, July 23, 2021, meeting, Christina Collester volunteered to put together some information regarding the Indiana Residential Code and the Indiana Swimming Pool Code, respective to why they are "low priorities" for update. Mr. Boyle advised the Committee that he will try to follow up with Ms. Collester separately, since she could not be available for this virtual meeting/follow-up call.

Since he was not going to be available for the virtual meeting/follow-up call, Scott Pannicke emailed Mr. Boyle and Chairman Popich prior to the meeting to inform them that he will be working with Dan Overbey (AIA, Director of Sustainability at Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf, and Assistant Professor of Architecture at Ball State University), Joe Yount (AIA, and Sustainability Leader at RATIO Architects), and Doug Frick (ASHRAE) to produce a report/supplement for the Indiana Energy Conservation Code. Finally, Donald Corson advised the Committee that he will be working in conjunction with John Hawkins (AIA Indiana, and Principal at Kovert Hawkins Architects) and Noah Fehrenbacher [Senior Associate at WJE Indianapolis, and Indiana Structural Engineers Association (ISEA)] to produce a report/supplement for the Indiana Building Code.

Mr. Boyle stated that he will try to remember to send out a follow-up email to the Committee summarizing this information, and as was determined by the Committee at its Friday, July 23, 2021, meeting, he reminded the Committee that all reports/supplements should be submitted to staff by end of business on Friday, September 17, 2021. Regarding the Committee's next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, Mr. Boyle stated that they will need to wait and see if the current declaration of a public health disaster emergency is extended through the month of September, to determine if the meeting will be a completely virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams. Mr. Boyle stated that staff expected to know more within a few days and inform the Committee as new information becomes available.

Finally, Chairman Popich asked the members of the Committee to not "Reply All" to any emails or email chains they receive over the next few weeks regarding the Committee business, to avoid the perception of violating the requirements of the Indiana Open Door Law (Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5). Instead, he asked the members to contact Mr. Boyle, and Mr. Boyle will be responsible for relaying any pertinent information to the rest of the Committee.

4. Adjournment

The virtual meeting/follow-up call was adjourned at 11:44 a.m. EDT.

APPROVED: _____
Michael J. Popich, Chairman