

# Indiana Emergency Response Commission

## MEETING MINUTES

### INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

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**Meeting Date:** March 14, 2022

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 PM (Indianapolis time)

**Meeting Location:** 1610 Reeves Rd., Plainfield, IN 46168 and via Microsoft Teams

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#### COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: (in person participation unless otherwise noted)

Joel Thacker—State Fire Marshal, Chairperson

Mike White—Designee for IDHS Executive Director

Peggy Dorsey—Designee for IDEM Commissioner

Bruce Palin—Public Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Jeff Larmore—Local Government Representative

Cara Cyrus—Business/Industry Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Jim Pridgen—Business/Industry Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Vincent Griffin—Public Representative (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Matt Bilkey—Designee for Superintendent of Indiana State Police

#### COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shawn French—Business/Industry Representative

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Casey Kenworthy—IDHS

Mike White—IDHS

Hillary Egan—IDHS

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Thacker. He welcomed everyone to the March 14, 2022 Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC) meeting. Chairman Thacker discussed upcoming activities of the IDHS Radiation Programs and provided an update on the PFAS fire department buyback program.

#### QUORUM

Mr. Kenworthy indicated a quorum was present after the roll call, with ten (10) members in attendance.

#### CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chairman Thacker made a motion to approve the January 10, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. White seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes  
Ms. Cyrus—Yes  
Mr. Larmore—Yes

Mr. White—Yes  
Mr. Palin—Yes  
Ms. Dorsey—Yes

Mr. Griffin—Yes  
Mr. Pridgen—Yes  
Mr. Bilkey—Yes

**ROSTER APPROVAL**

Mr. White reported 25 Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) have submitted roster changes for membership appointments or approvals between January 10, 2022, and March 14, 2022. Chairman Thacker made a motion to approve the changes as submitted. Mr. Palin seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.** A copy of the roster report detailing the changes is attached.

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes  
Ms. Cyrus—Yes  
Mr. Larmore—Yes

Mr. White—Yes  
Mr. Palin—Yes  
Ms. Dorsey—Yes

Mr. Griffin—Yes  
Mr. Pridgen—Yes  
Mr. Bilkey—Yes

**OLD BUSINESS**

***2021 LEPC Compliance***

Mr. White opened the discussion by listing inactive LEPCs and described two LEPCs who failed to submit LEPC plans for 2021. The possibility of having one LEPC manage a neighboring inactive LEPC was suggested, and flexibility on LEPC funding deadlines for 2021 were discussed. It was also determined that any LEPC funding money not sent out will stay with the IERC and can be used for hazardous material training and preparedness.

***MOU-IDEM/IDHS/IERC***

Hillary Egan, deputy general counsel for IDHS, opened the discussion by explaining an updated amendment that was created for the MOU, which was originally set to expire at the end of March 2022. Ms. Egan explained how the new amendment established a new expiration deadline for June 2024, and it also updated the state agency point of contacts of the individuals/job positions specifically named in the MOU. Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the new MOU amendment. Ms. Cyrus seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes  
Ms. Cyrus—Yes  
Mr. Larmore—Yes

Mr. White—Yes  
Mr. Palin—Yes  
Ms. Dorsey—Yes

Mr. Griffin—Yes  
Mr. Pridgen—Yes  
Mr. Bilkey—Yes

***IERC Meeting Location and Attendance***

Chairman Thacker opened the discussion by asking Ms. Egan to describe the changes made to state meeting attendance requirements after Governor Holcomb ended the COVID-19 state of emergency executive order. Ms. Egan explained how the new legislation allows for remote participation at IERC meetings, but still requires in-person participation from meeting attendees as well. Chairman Thacker suggested the possibility of hosting IERC meetings in different locations around the state. After further discussion, it was decided new meeting locations would be discussed further at the May 9, 2022 IERC meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thacker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

**Record of Votes**

Chairman Thacker—Yes  
Ms. Cyrus—Yes  
Mr. Larmore—Yes

Mr. White—Yes  
Mr. Palin—Yes  
Ms. Dorsey—Yes


Mr. Griffin—Yes  
Mr. Pridgen—Yes  
Mr. Bilkey—Yes

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

May 9, 2022  
1610 Reeves Rd.  
Plainfield, IN 46168

Approved:

  
Joel Thacker, Chairman  
Chris Barr

Date: 05/09/2022

