



**ICC IS-BLE COMMITTEE**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA NOTES**  
**Meeting #17**  
**10-17-2022**

**Date/Time:** 10-17-2022; 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Eastern

**Attendees:**

**Committee members:**

~~William Conner~~  
~~Amber DellAngele~~  
~~Bill Elliot~~  
~~Diane Gould~~  
~~Gary Hansen (Vice chair)~~  
~~Michael Leighton~~  
~~Dave Norman~~  
~~Michael Tantala (Chair)~~  
~~Daniel Victor~~

**Committee Secretary:**

Kimberly Paarlberg, RA  
Karl Aittaniemi

**Interested Parties:**

~~George Barnes, DSA~~  
~~Justin Burton~~  
~~Melisa Copeland~~  
~~Mike Deschenes~~  
~~Bill Elliott~~  
~~Tom de Greck~~  
~~Nic Niebel~~  
~~Greg Nelson~~  
~~Jake Pauls~~  
~~Kyle Thompson~~  
~~Tom Wandrie~~  
~~Bill Willinger~~  
~~Adam Zahn~~

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**A. Welcome and Introductions**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Meeting conduct
- 3) Introduction of Committee Members/Attendance

**B. Logistics**

- 1) Review and Approval of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes – 10/3/2022

**C. I-Codes –No new information.**

**D. Proposals**

- 1) Proposals are posted at [ICC 300 webpage](#)

CHAPTER 3 CONSTRUCTION				
IS-BLE-03-01-21	302.1, 302.1.1(New), Chapter 6 (New)	2/7/2022	D (8-0)	ASTM E84 and UL 723
IS-BLE-03-02-21	303.1	2/7/2022	D(8-0)	
IS-BLE-03-03-21	303.5.1, 303.5.2	2/7/2022	AS (7-1)	Revised 2/2/2022
IS-BLE 03-04-21	303.8	2/21/2022	AM(6-2)	
IS-BLE 04-01-21	404.1	3/7/2022 10/3/2022	AM(7-0)	
IS-BLE-04-02-21	404.5.1	3/7/2022	D(8-0)	
IS-BLE-04-03-21	406.8.1	3/21/2022	AM(5-3)	
IS-BLE-04-04-21	408.1	4/4/2022	AM(8-0)	
IS-BLE-04-05-21	408.2	4/18/2022	AM(5-2-1)	
IS-BLE-04-06-21	408.2	4/18/2022	AM(6-1-1)	
IS-BLE-04-07-21	409.1, 409.1.1, 409.1.3(New), 409.2, 409.2.1(New), 402.2.2(New), 409.2.3(New)	9/19/2022	AM (7-0-0)	
IS-BLE-04-08-21	409.3, 409.3.1(New), 409.3.2(New)	5/16/2022	Withdrawn	
IS-BLE-05-01-21				
IS-BLE-06-01-21				
IS-BLE-01-01-22 (New)				
IS-BLE-02-01-22 (New)				
IS-BLE-04-01-22 (New)				

Notes from 10-17-2022 –

The committee agreed that removal of ‘exterior installation of’ was editorial. The definition of open-air seating is sufficient.

Jake Paul’s brought up a concern of the overlap of ICC 300 and NFPA 101 and 102 and the differences between definition of bleachers and grandstands in both documents. The committee discussed the issue. Karl Aittaniemi explained the ANSI process for determining the scope of a standard in the development process. Issues of duplication or overlap are deliberated between the corresponding standard developing organizations. While both documents use the same term, there are technical differences. In NFPA documents define all tiered and stepped seating as a grandstand – both on a floor system and on an independent structural frame (and with and without backs). Bleachers are defined as a subset of grandstands where the seats do not have backs – but again, both on a floor system and on an independent structural frame. ICC 300 does address tiered and stepped seating, but

it has to be two or more rows on an independent structural frame. In ICC 300 requirements for with and without backs are addressed in requirements for elements such as aisle accessway requirements. IBC addressed tiered and stepped seating where the walking surface is the floor of the building. No additional modifications were proposed.

IS-BLE-05-01-22 – This proposal was introduced. Several pictures were submitted to illustrate the issue. Kim will add these to the reason statement in the Public Comment Agenda. Kim will distribute the Consumer Product Report on the retrofitting of existing bleachers. This document does address all retrofitting. The proposal is limited to adding aisles and handrails. Several suggestions were made for improvements to the terminology; however, no modifications were proposed.

Suggestions included:

Agree that this does improve safety.

Exception 1 – This would literally mean that adding aisles in the lower seats would not be required to meet anything. Was the intent to allow low rise bleachers to now have handrails required on the aisles?

“Technically infeasible” is used in the IEBC – maybe better than ‘physically infeasible’.

Would stripes on the stairway be a better warning than a sign?

Where would you put the sign?

Should references be to Section 404 (means of egress for width), 405 (aisles) and 406 (stepped aisles)? Why the reference to 407 (aisle accessways)?

The added handrails connection should be designed by a structural engineer to insure they can take the loading in Section 409.8.

This will continue to the next meeting on Oct. 31.

**E. Other/New Business** – Two meetings added

**F. Next call** – Mondays every two weeks from 2:00 to 4:00 Eastern  
Dates: 10-31, 11-14 and 11-28, 2022

**G. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm