

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

1 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
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COUNCILMEMBERS

**Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmer**

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Absent: 1 - Todd Donovan

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorneys Present: Kim Thulin and Jesse Corkern.

Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (h) (i). Executive session will conclude no later than 1:15 p.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

Byrd moved to go into executive session until no later than 1:15 p.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Stremler.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Out of the Meeting: 1 - Buchanan

Absent: 1 - Donovan

Galloway stated they do not plan to take any further action following this executive session.

Councilmembers entered executive session at 1:05 p.m.

1. AB2025-336 Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern: Gerald T. Osborn, Plaintiff, vs. Peacehealth, a Washington Nonprofit Corporation; Carol Austin, LMFT, DCR; Nate Reiss, PhD; N. Stender, MHP; H. Vogel, MHP; N. Saina, MD; Philip Frank, DO; Patrick Lackie, JD; and John Does and Jane Does, to be identified, Defendants. Skagit County Superior Court Case No. 24-2-00056-29. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on May 13, 2025.

ATTEST:



Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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