

# **Whatcom County Council Special Committee of the Whole**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

**10:15 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - LUNCH BREAK FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 1:00 P.M. -  
ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN  
INSTRUCTIONS AT [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil), OR CALL  
360.778.5010)**

### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Elizabeth Boyle  
Barry Buchanan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway  
Jessica Rienstra  
Jon Scanlon  
Mark Stremler

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Call To Order**

## **Roll Call**

## **Announcements**

If you require special assistance to participate, please contact the Council Office at 360-778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance. Assistive listening devices are available in Council Chambers, and live captions are available through Zoom for those participating remotely. This committee meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Whatcom County Council, with the agenda limited to committee business.

## **Public Comment (Comprehensive Plan)**

Public comment is scheduled for 20 minutes with in-person and remote participation available. Each speaker will have two minutes to address the Council, and participants are asked to limit comments to items on the agenda. To participate remotely, please visit [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil) and register for a Zoom link by 8:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. On-site participants will speak first followed by those registered to speak remotely. Please state your name for the record before addressing the Council. (Members of the public may send written comments to [council@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:council@co.whatcom.wa.us))

1. [AB2026-304](#) Public comments on the draft Preface to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan

## **Committee Discussion (Comprehensive Plan)**

The Whatcom County Council will discuss and provide preliminary direction on amendments to each chapter of the Comprehensive Plan before holding a public hearing and taking action on a complete document of all chapters and appendices at a future meeting. Visit [whatcom.legistar.com](http://whatcom.legistar.com) for information on upcoming meetings. Visit [www.whatcomcounty.us/4373](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/4373) for more information on the comprehensive plan update.

1. [AB2026-273](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on the Preface to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan
2. [AB2026-249](#) Discussion regarding schedule for Council review of the comprehensive plan update

## **Committee Discussion (Other)**

3. [AB2026-314](#) Council Operational Planning with the Health and Community Services Department
4. [AB2026-316](#) Facilitated discussion regarding 2026 Council strategic planning

CONTINUED FROM 2.17.2026 (SEE AB2026-158)

## **Items Added by Revision**

## **Other Business**

## **Adjournment**