

Whatcom County Council (Special)

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Minutes - Final

**VIRTUAL MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLIER THAN 3:40 P.M., ENDS NO
LATER THAN 5 P.M.**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

3:40 PM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Special Order of Business

1. AB2021-028 Reorganization of the Whatcom County Council for 2021

County Council Committee Assignments

Elenbaas moved that all committee and board assignments be kept the same in 2021 as in 2020. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Elenbaas, Kershner, and Byrd

Nay: 4 - Frazey, Browne, Buchanan, and Donovan

Council Chairperson (Acts as Chair of Council acting in other capacities,
Rep to EDI Board, Law Library Board, County Finance Committee)

Browne moved to nominate Buchanan. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Frazey, Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Council Vice-Chairperson

Browne moved to nominate Frazey. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Byrd moved to nominate Byrd. The motion was seconded by Elenbaas.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Frazey was appointed by the following vote:

Frazey: 5 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, and Frazey

Byrd: 2 - Kershner and Elenbaas

Executive Pro-Tempore (Cannot be on COG)

Frazey moved to nominate Browne. The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Byrd stated that he would withdraw his name from consideration.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Standing Committees

Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Buchanan moved to appoint Buchanan, Byrd, and Frazey by acclamation.

The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, and Browne

Nay: 0

Finance & Administrative Services - Chair of Finance Committee will automatically act as Council Rep. to What-Comm Administrative Board

Kershner stated that she was withdrawing her name.

Buchanan moved to appoint Browne, Byrd, and Frazey by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, and Buchanan

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Planning & Development

Byrd moved that the committee members be kept the same as in 2020

(Elenbaas, Browne, and Byrd). The motion was seconded by Elenbaas.

Frazey moved to nominate Donovan and **Browne moved** to nominate himself. But they **withdrew** their motions in order to dispense with the first motion.

Byrd's motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Elenbaas, Kershner, and Byrd

Nay: 4 - Donovan, Frazey, Browne, and Buchanan

Frazey moved to nominate Donovan. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

Browne stated they should nominate all four people at the same time so **Frazey withdrew** her motion.

Browne moved to nominate Browne, Byrd, Donovan, and Elenbaas. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Browne, Donovan, and Elenbaas were appointed by the following vote:

Browne: 6 - Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, and Donovan

Byrd: 3 - Elenbaas, Kershner, and Donovan

Donovan: 4 - Frazey, Browne, Buchanan, and Donovan

Elenbaas: 5 - Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, and Buchanan

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

After the vote, Byrd conceded.

Public Works and Health

Buchanan moved to appoint Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Browne.

Kershner stated she would like to withdraw her name from consideration.

Councilmembers and Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, discussed the item and Buchanan stated that he would join the committee if no one else wants to.

Donovan moved a to nominate Buchanan. The motion was seconded by

Frazey.

Buchanan amended his motion and moved to nominate Donovan, Frazey, and Buchanan. The motion was seconded by Browne.

Elenbaas moved to nominate Kershner so Donovan stated he would withdraw his motion to nominate Buchanan if Kershner would like the position. Kershner did not accept the nomination.

The motion to appoint Donovan, Frazey and Buchanan carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Frazey, Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 2 - Byrd and Elenbaas

Clerk's note: Councilmembers revisited this item later in the meeting and the appointment changed from what was approved above.

Natural Resources

Buchanan moved to appoint Buchanan, Donovan, and Elenbaas by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Select 2 Natural Res. Committee members as Representatives to Lake Whatcom Policy Group

Buchanan moved to appoint Elenbaas and Donovan by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Browne.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Councilmembers again discussed the appointment for the Public Works and

Health Committee.

Frazey moved to nominate Kershner instead of Buchanan. The motion was seconded by Browne.

Councilmembers discussed the motion and Kershner did not accept the nomination.

Buchanan moved to reconsider the earlier motion for the Public Works and Health Committee. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

The motion to reconsider carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, and Browne

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Buchanan moved to nominate Browne, Frazey, and Donovan for the Public Works and Health Committee. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Donovan, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 2 - Byrd and Elenbaas

Other Committee Assignments

Donovan moved to appoint all the positions that only had one person applying for it and he listed those.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Donovan amended his motion after discussion to also add any positions asking for two appointments and for which two people put in their name, to appoint Elenbaas as the alternate for the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee, and to appoint Buchanan and Byrd to the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task force with Byrd as the alternate, and to withdraw Browne's name from the WSAC Alternate Board Member and the WSAC Legislative Steering Committee (*revisited later*). Those appointments would be as follows:

Bellingham International Airport Advisory

Elenbaas

Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce

Byrd

Child and Family Well-Being Task Force

Frazey

Drayton Harbor & Portage Bay Shellfish Protection Districts

Elenbaas

EMS Oversight Board Alternate Representative

Kershner

Flood Control Zone Committee (Ex Officio)

Elenbaas

Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (And Appoint one alternate)

Buchanan (primary) and Byrd (as the alternate)

Intergovernmental Tribal Relations Committee (Appt. TWO)

Frazey

LEOFF Board

Buchanan

Reserve Officers Board of Trustees - (Appoint TWO)

Byrd and Frazey

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Byrd

Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee - Appoint ONE non-voting attendee

Donovan

OPTIONAL: Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee Alt. - Appoint TWO alternates if Council wishes

Elenbaas

North Sound Behavioral Health Exec. Committee

Browne

Northwest Clean Air Agency

Donovan

Public Defense Advisory

Kershner

Public Health Advisory Board

Buchanan

Solid Waste Advisory

Frazey

WSAC Timber Counties Caucus

Frazey

The motion was seconded by Browne.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Other Committee Assignments Continued

Councilmembers discussed the following committee and board assignments individually:

Behavioral Health Advisory Committee

Councilmembers and Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, discussed the advisory committee.

Buchanan moved to nominate Donovan. The motion was seconded by Browne.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Business and Commerce Advisory Committee (non-voting)

Councilmembers discussed the committee. Kershner requested that her name be withdrawn, so Councilmembers voted between Browne and Byrd.

Browne was appointed by the following vote:

Browne: 5 - Frazey, Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, and Elenbaas

Byrd: 1 - Kershner

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Council of Governments (COG) Appoint TWO members to serve on the Full Council (cannot be Exec Pro-Tem)

Browne moved to nominate Byrd and Frazey. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Council of Governments (COG) Appoint ONE of the above two members to also serve on the Exec Board and Transportation Policy Board (cannot be Exec Pro-Tem)

Frazey nominated herself.

The nomination carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Developmental Disabilities Board

Councilmembers discussed the board.

Buchanan moved to nominate Kershner. The motion was seconded by Browne.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, and Browne

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

EMS Oversight Board Representative

Buchanan and Kershner withdrew their names from consideration.

Buchanan moved to nominate Byrd. The motion was seconded by Browne.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Homeless Strategies Workgroup (Appoint TWO)

Buchanan moved to nominate Buchanan. The motion was seconded by Browne.

Browne moved to nominate himself. The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Elenbaas moved to nominate Byrd. The motion was seconded by Kershner.

Browne and Buchanan were appointed by the following vote:

Buchanan: 7 - Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, and Byrd

Browne: 5 - Donovan, Frazey, Browne, Buchanan, and Byrd

Byrd: 2 - Elenbaas and Kershner

Marine Resources Committee

Councilmembers discussed the committee.

Donovan moved to nominate Elenbaas. The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Northwest Regional Council (NWRC)

Kershner and Frazey withdrew their names from consideration then Kershner added hers back.

Buchanan moved to nominate Kershner. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Frazey, Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Opportunity Council

Councilmembers discussed the board.

Buchanan withdrew his name from consideration then ***moved*** to nominate Browne. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Kershner, Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

WSAC Alternate Board Member (The Executive is the active representative, Councilmember is alternate)

Councilmembers discussed this and the other WSAC positions.

Byrd withdrew his name from consideration.

Frazey moved to nominate Browne. The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

WSAC Optional Alternate Board Member (Res2019-008)

Councilmembers discussed this board and left it unfilled.

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee

Buchanan moved to nominate Browne. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, and Browne

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

WSAC Coastal Counties Caucus

Frazey moved to nominate Donovan. The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Donovan, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, and Buchanan

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

Whatcom Transportation Authority

Kershner withdrew her name from consideration.

Buchanan moved to nominate Donovan. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Donovan, Frazey, Kershner, Browne, and Buchanan

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

The committee and board positions were NOMINATED AND APPOINTED (see attached).

See assignments attached

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

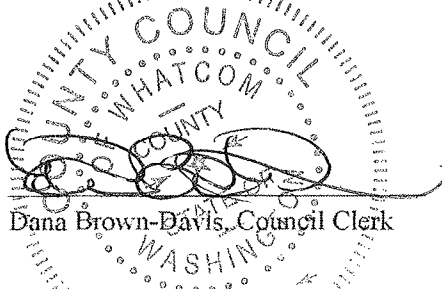
There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on January 26, 2021.

ATTEST:



Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kristi Felbinger
Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Barry Buchanan-via email 1/29/2021

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

2021 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

As of Jan 12, 2021

Committee Chairs TBD

County Council Committee Assignments	Rud Browne	Barry Buchanan	Tyler Byrd	Todd Donovan	Ben Elenbaas	Carol Frazey	Kathy Kershner
Council Chairperson (<i>Acts as Chair of Council acting in other capacities, Rep to EDI Board, Law Library Board, County Finance Committee</i>)		√					
Council Vice-Chairperson						√	
Executive Pro-Tempore (<i>Can not be on COG</i>)	√						
Standing Committees							
Criminal Justice and Public Safety		√	√			√	
Finance & Administrative Services - <i>Chair of Finance Committee will automatically act as Council Rep. to What-Comm Administrative Board</i>	√		√			√	
Planning & Development	√			√	√		
Public Works and Health	√			√		√	
Natural Resources		√		√	√		
<i>Select 2 Natural Res. Committee members as Representatives to Lake Whatcom Policy Group</i>				√	√		
Other Committee Assignments							
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee				√			
Bellingham International Airport Advisory					√		
Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce			√				
Business and Commerce Advisory Committee (non-voting)	√						
Child and Family Well-Being Task Force						√	
Council of Governments (COG) <i>Appoint TWO members to serve on the Full Council (can not be Exec Pro-Tem)</i>			√			√	
Council of Governments (COG) <i>Appoint ONE of the above two members to also serve on the Exec Board and Transportation Policy Board (cannot be Exec Pro-Tem)</i>						√	
Developmental Disabilities Board							√
Drayton Harbor & Portage Bay Shellfish Protection Districts					√		
EMS Oversight Board <i>Representative</i>			√				
EMS Oversight Board <i>Alternate Representative</i>							√
Flood Control Zone Committee (Ex Officio)					√		
Homeless Strategies Workgroup (<i>Appoint TWO</i>)	√	√					
Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (<i>And Appoint one alternate</i>)		√	ALT				
Intergovernmental Tribal Relations Committee (<i>Appt. TWO</i>)						√	
LEOFF Board		√					
Reserve Officers Board of Trustees - (<i>Appoint TWO</i>)			√			√	
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)			√				
Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee - <i>Appoint ONE non-voting attendee</i>				√			
<i>OPTIONAL: Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee Alt. - Appoint TWO alternates if Council wishes</i>					√		
Marine Resources Committee					√		
North Sound Behavioral Health Exec. Committee	√						
Northwest Clean Air Agency				√			
Northwest Regional Council (NWRC)							√
Opportunity Council	√						
Public Defense Advisory							√
Public Health Advisory Board		√					
Solid Waste Advisory						√	
WSAC Alternate Board Member (The Executive is the active representative, Councilmember is alternate)	√						
WSAC <i>Optional Alternate</i> Board Member (Res2019-008)							
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	√						
WSAC Timber Counties Caucus						√	
WSAC Coastal Counties Caucus				√			
Whatcom Transportation Authority				√			