

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

9:25 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:10 A.M.(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISION 7.13.2026 (START TIME REVISED)

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

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorney Present: Tom Seguire, Christopher Quinn, and Kimberly Thulin.

Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one and two may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Executive session will conclude no later than 10:10 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

Rienstra moved to go into executive session until no later than 10:10 a.m. to discuss the agenda items pursuant to the RCW citation as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Boyle.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Councilmembers entered executive session at 9:29 a.m.

At 10:13 a.m., the Council chair announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 10:23 a.m.

1. [AB2026-545](#) Discussion with Chief Civil Deputy Tom Seguire and Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Christopher Quinn regarding potential litigation [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2026-531](#) Discussion with Whatcom County Planning and Development Services and Whatcom County Legal regarding potential litigation related to the 2026 Whatcom County

Comprehensive Plan review and update [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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