

**Whatcom County  
Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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**Committee Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

**9 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:30 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE  
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**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway  
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 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

**Absent:** 1 - Tyler Byrd

### Announcements

### Committee Discussion

**Attorneys Present: Jesse Corkern and George Roche.**

Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Executive session will conclude no later than 9:25 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

***Buchanan moved*** to go into executive session until no later than 9:25 a.m. to discuss the agenda item pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Stremler.

George Roche, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, answered what the discussion will be about.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Byrd

Councilmembers entered executive session at 9:05 a.m.

1. AB2025-131 Discussion regarding Earle v. Whatcom County [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

There were no agenda items added by revision.

### Other Business


There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on February 11, 2025.

ATTEST:



*Cathy Halka*  
Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

*Kaylee Galloway*  
Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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