

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

8:45 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:10 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil OR
CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISION 3.16.2026**

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

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

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-189](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern, regarding Samantha L. Robinson v. Whatcom County et al., Skagit County Superior Court Cause No. 26-2-00233-29; Defense and indemnification of Donnell Tanksley, Whatcom County Sheriff, Lt. Keith Linderman, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, and Detective Derek Jones, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, named as defendants. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved 7-0 to approve defense and indemnification of Donnell Tanksley, Whatcom County Sheriff, Lt. Keith Linderman, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, and Detective Derek Jones, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, named as defendants in Samantha L. Robinson v. Whatcom County et al., Skagit County Superior Court, Cause No. 26-2-00233-29. Based on the following findings: Donnell Tanksley, Keith Linderman and Derek Jones were acting in a matter in which the county had an interest; Donnell Tanksley, Keith Linderman and Derek Jones were acting in the discharge of a duty imposed or authorized by law; Donnell Tanksley, Keith Linderman and Derek Jones acted in good faith.

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment