

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

9:25 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:45 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR
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COUNCILMEMBERS

**Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmer**

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Absent: 1 - Barry Buchanan

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorney Present: Kimberly Thulin.

Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). Executive session will conclude no later than 9:45 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

Byrd moved to go into executive session until no later than 9:45 a.m. to discuss the agenda item pursuant to the RCW citation as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Out of the Meeting: 1 - Scanlon

Absent: 1 - Buchanan

Clerk's note: Scanlon joined shortly after the vote and acted as chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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

At 9:45 a.m., the Council vice chair, Scanlon (acting as chair) announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 9:50 a.m.

1. [AB2025-822](#) Discussion with Senior Deputy Prosecutor Kimberly Thulin regarding the potential lease or acquisition of real property [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)]

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 9:50 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on December 9, 2025.

ATTEST:



Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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