

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

2 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 2:20 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010)

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan

Tyler Byrd

Todd Donovan

Ben Elenbaas

Kaylee Galloway

Jon Scanlon

Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Clerk's note: Buchanan came shortly after roll call.

Attorney Present: Christopher Quinn and Kimberly Thulin.
Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) (SEE CORRECTION OF CITATION BELOW). Executive session will conclude no later than 2:20 p.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 2:20 p.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Scanlon.

Kimberly Thulin, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, stated there was an mistake in the RCW reference and that it should be RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h) (i).

Chair Galloway read the item into the record with the corrected RCW citation [RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h)(i)] as noted by Thulin.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Councilmembers entered executive session at 2:03 p.m.

At 2:19 p.m., the Council chair announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 2:25 p.m.

1. [AB2025-460](#) Discussion with Whatcom County Public Works and Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Chris 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

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on August 6, 2025.

ATTEST:



Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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