

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

1:35 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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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

Special Presentation

1. [AB2026-159](#) Presentation from Whatcom County Public Works and Geosyntec Consultants regarding the Water Resources Inventory Area 1 Water Rights Adjudication

PRESENTED

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-078](#) Discussion of urban growth area proposals for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to preliminarily support the City of Nooksack's supplemental proposal which includes the mitigation measures.

2. [AB2026-037](#) Update on 2026 State Legislative Session

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to add SB 6343 to their legislative agenda.

3. [AB2026-040](#) Ordinance establishing Whatcom County Code Section 2.02.195 Performance Audits

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to form a workgroup on the performance audits ordinance that includes councilmembers Scanlon, Rienstra, and Elenbaas.

4. [AB2026-139](#) Discussion of a potential Whatcom County public safety sales and use tax under Revised Code of Washington 82.14.450

DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment