

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

2:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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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**Roll Call**

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

Announcements**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2025-513](#) Presentation by the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Director and discussion relating to preliminary preferred alternatives for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

NOT ACTED UPON

2. [AB2025-701](#) Discussion of proposed amendments to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

NOT ACTED UPON

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2025-779](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.02, County Council, to change the membership and quorum requirements of all standing council committees

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S)

Aye: 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

Nay: 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Stremler

Motion approved to amend the second sentence in section 2.02.080 (Standing Committees – Membership) to read: The committee members shall be responsible for election of a chairperson, up to two vice chairs, and its internal organization.

2. [AB2025-813](#) Resolution amending Resolution 2025-027 to docket an additional Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendment related to Whatcom County Code 20.51 to strengthen protection of the Lake Whatcom Watershed

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, and Scanlon

Nay: 2 - Byrd, and Stremler

3. [AB2025-826](#) Resolution certifying Whatcom County's property tax levies for collection in 2026 to the County Assessor

SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment