

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 Grand Avenue, Ste #105
Bellingham, WA 98225-4038
(360) 778-5010**



Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

8:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:45 AM (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 8:31 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

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

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorneys Present: Christopher Quinn and Kellen Kooistra, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Dennis McLerran of Cascadia Law.

Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one and two may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) and RCW42.30.110 (1) (i) respectively. 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 items pursuant to the RCW citations as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Scanlon.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Councilmembers entered executive session at 8:33 a.m.

1. [AB2025-265](#) Update on negotiations and planning strategy discussion regarding collective bargaining [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2025-251](#) Discussion with Mark Personius, Director, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services, Kellen Kooistra, Whatcom County legal, and Dennis McLerran of Cascadia Law, outside counsel for Whatcom County, regarding Petrogas code compliance and enforcement. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (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 9:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristi Felbinger