

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

8:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 8:50 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010)

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

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Absent: 1 - Ben Elenbaas

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorneys Present: Jesse Corkern 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). Executive session will conclude no later than 8:50 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

Rienstra moved to go into executive session until no later than 8:50 a.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Boyle.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

Councilmembers entered executive session at 8:32 a.m.

At 8:50 a.m., the Council chair announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 9 a.m.

At 9 a.m., the Council chair announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 9:05 a.m.

At 9:10 a.m., the Council chair announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 9:15 a.m.

1. [AB2026-189](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern, regarding Samantha L. Robinson v. Whatcom County et al., Skagit County Superior Court Cause No. 26-2-00233-37; Defense and indemnification of Donnell Tanksley, Whatcom County Sheriff, Lt. Keith Linderman, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office,

and Detective Derek Jones, Whatcom County Sheriff's Office, named as defendants.
[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 9:18 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristi Felbinger