

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 23, 2024  
8:30 AM  
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:30 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE  
REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil), OR  
CALL 360.778.5010)**

### **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

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.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

### **Attorney Present: George Roche.**

Buchanan stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110. (1)(i) for agenda item one, and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f), RCW 42.30.110 (i)(ii), and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii) for agenda item two. Executive session will conclude no later than 9:30 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, Council Staff will make a public announcement.

*Galloway moved* to go into executive session until no later than 9:30 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 Donovan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

At 9:35 a.m., Council Staff announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 9:45 a.m.

1. [AB2024-488](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, George Roche, re; Opioid settlements and Whatcom County's participation in the Kroger Opioid Settlement Agreement [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.**

2. [AB2024-473](#) Discussion and update from the investigative committee assigned to review recent employment law decisions [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f), RCW 42.30.110 (i)(ii), and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)(iii)]

**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 9:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription