

2026 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

As of 12/31/2025

() Indicates Committee Chair

County Council Committee Assignments	Barry Buchanan	Elizabeth Boyle	Ben Elenbaas	Kaylee Galloway	Jessica Rienstra	Jon Scanlon	Mark Stremler
Council Chairperson (Acts as Chair of Council acting in other capacities, Law Library Board, SWISS Exec. Committee, County Finance Committee)				X			
Council Vice-Chairperson						X	
Executive Pro-Tempore (Can not be on COG)	X					X	X
Standing Committees	per ORD2025-065 / 7 member committees, 1 chair - 2 vice chairs						
Criminal Justice and Public Safety	C	X				X	
Finance & Administrative Services - Chair of Finance Committee will automatically act as Council Rep. to What-Comm Administrative Board and Risk Management Working Group Board of Directors (AB2025-575)		VC				C	
Planning & Development		X	C	VC	C	X	
Public Works and Health	VC	VC			VC	X	
Climate Action and Natural Resources		X		C	VC	X	
Select 2 Natural Res. Committee members as Representatives to Lake Whatcom Policy Group				X	X		
Other Committee Assignments							
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee	X				X		
Bellingham International Airport Advisory							X
Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce		X			X		X
Business and Commerce Advisory Committee (non-voting)						X	X
Child and Family Well-Being Task Force		X			X		
Climate Impact Advisory Committee Appoint ONE-Non-Voting (** 3 year term) ORD2022-021				X			
Council of Governments (COG) Appoint TWO members to serve on the Full Council (can not be Exec Pro-Tem)				X	X	X	
Council of Governments (COG) Appoint ONE of the above two members to also serve on Transportation Policy Board (cannot be Exec Pro-Tem)				ALT	X	X	
Developmental Disabilities Board		X					
Drayton Harbor & Portage Bay Shellfish Protection Districts			X				
EDI Board (changed to 1 CM per AB2024-870)							X
EMS Oversight Board Representative			X	X	X		
EMS Oversight Board Alternate Representative			X	X	X		
Flood Control Zone Committee (Ex Officio)			X		X		X
Forest Advisory Committee (non voting per AB2025-120)				X			
Health Board Chair						X	

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Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (And Appoint one alternate)	x	x	ALT				
Intergovernmental Tribal Relations Committee (Appt. TWO)		x	x		x	x	
Justice Project Oversight and Planning Committee (JPOP)	x						
Justice Project Finance and Facility Advisory Board	x						
Joint Advisory Workgroup for Justice Project planning purposes (AB2025-699)	x						
LEOFF Board	x						
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)			x		x		
Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee - Appoint ONE non-voting attendee			x			x	
OPTIONAL: Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee Alt. - Appoint TWO alternates if Council wishes						x	
Marine Resources Committee							
Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) (AB2023-194)	x				x		
North Sound Behavioral Health Exec. Committee	x						
Northwest Clean Air Agency				x			x
Northwest Regional Council (NWRC)							x
Opportunity Council Appointment not subject to Council annual re-org	(KG serves on this committee until 1/2028)						
Public Defense Advisory			x				
Public Health Advisory Board						x	
Racial Equity Commission Appoint ONE-Non-Voting (** 2 year term) AB2022-590				x	ALT		
Solid Waste Advisory Committee							
SWISS Alternate Committee Member. <i>Council Chair serves on Exec. Committee</i>						x	
WSAC Alternate Board Member (The Executive is the active representative, Councilmember is alternate)				x			
WSAC <i>Optional Alternate</i> Board Member (Res2019-008)							
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee				x	ALT		
WSAC Timber Counties Caucus - Optional				x			
WSAC Coastal Counties Caucus - Optional				x			
Whatcom Transportation Authority (<i>appoint 2 councilmembers per bylaw</i>)	x	x			x		x
Whatcom County Tourism Board (AB2023-194)		x		x			