

Whatcom County Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

1 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 1:35 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Elizabeth Boyle
Barry Buchanan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jessica Rienstra
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements

Special Order of Business

1. [AB2026-005](#) Nomination and appointment of Committee Chair

APPOINTED

Appointed Buchanan as Chair and Boyle and Stremler as Vice Chairs.

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-873](#) Discussion on Behavioral Care Center model

DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2026-015](#) Request for motion to establish full term lengths for Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP) Committee members

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to have the JPOP be on staggered four-year terms.

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment