

Whatcom County Council (Special)

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Minutes - Draft Minutes

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

1 PM

Virtual Meeting

**VIRTUAL ONLY MEETING (SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Vice Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. in a hybrid meeting

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: 1 - Ben Elenbaas

Announcements

Council Discussion and Action

1. [AB2023-011](#) Discussion of candidates and ballot vote for electing the “county representative” to the Board of Natural Resources

Cathy Halka, Council Legislative Analyst, briefed the Councilmembers and explained the ballot options.

Kershner asked whether they can vote to make the votes fractional after they have weighed in on the candidates or whether they have to make that determination before they vote.

Byrd moved to fractionalize the votes so each vote is worth one seventh, but Donovan had his hand up first.

Donovan moved to vote by majority. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

Councilmembers discussed the motion and that each vote would be worth one sixth since Elenbaas was absent.

Donovan withdrew his motion.

Galloway stated she would be voting for Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour.

Frazey stated she will be voting for Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour.

Kershner stated she will vote for Commissioner Lisa Janicki from Skagit County.

Donovan stated he will vote for Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour.

Buchanan moved to nominate all the candidates (Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Lindsey Pollock). The motion was seconded by Frazey.

Councilmembers voted for the candidates as follows:

Buchanan: Eisenhour

Byrd: Janicki

Donovan: Eisenhour

Elenbaas: Absent

Frazey: Eisenhour

Galloway: Eisenhour

Kershner: Janicki

Kershner moved to fractionalize their ballot to send to the State. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

The motion to fractionalize carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, Kershner, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription