

Whatcom County Council (Special)

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Minutes - Final

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:15 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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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

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

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

Announcements**Introduction Items**

1. [AB2026-233](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.56, Defense and Indemnification of Employees, to include reservation of rights and reimbursement

Scanlon moved and Boyle seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2026-019

Clerk's Note: AB2026-233 was introduced for potential action on March 31, 2026.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on April 14, 2026.

ATTEST



Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

Meeting Minutes prepared by Jenna Gernand