

2026 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

As of 1/13/2026

() Indicates Committee Chair

County Council Committee Assignments	Barry Buchanan	Elizabeth Boyle	Ben Elenbaas	Kaylee Galloway	Jessica Rienstra	Jon Scanlon	Mark Stremler
Council Chairperson (<i>Acts as Chair of Council acting in other capacities, Law Library Board, SWISS Exec. Committee, County Finance Committee</i>)				X			
Council Vice-Chairperson						X	
Executive Pro-Tempore (<i>Can not be on COG</i>)	X						
Standing Committees	<i>per ORD2025-065 / 7 member committees, 1 chair - 2 vice chairs</i>						
Criminal Justice and Public Safety	(X)	VC					VC
Finance & Administrative Services - <i>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)</i>		VC			VC	(X)	
Planning & Development			VC	VC	(X)		
Public Works and Health		(X)				VC	VC
Climate Action and Natural Resources				(X)	VC	VC	
<i>Select 2 Natural Res. Committee members as Representatives to Lake Whatcom Policy Group</i>				X	X		
Other Committee Assignments							
Behavioral Health Advisory Committee	X				ALT		
Bellingham International Airport Advisory							X
Bellingham Regional Chamber of Commerce		X					ALT
Business and Commerce Advisory Committee (non-voting)						ALT	X
Child and Family Well-Being Task Force		X			ALT		
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	
Council of Governments (COG) Appoint ONE of the above two members to also serve on Transportation Policy Board (cannot be Exec Pro-Tem)					X	ALT	
Developmental Disabilities Board		X					
Drayton Harbor & Portage Bay Shellfish Protection Districts			ALT			X	
EDI Board (changed to 1 CM per AB2024-870)		ALT					X
EMS Oversight Board Representative				X			
EMS Oversight Board Alternate Representative			ALT				
Flood Control Zone Committee (Ex Officio)					X		ALT
Forest Advisory Committee (non voting per AB2025-120)			X	ALT			
Health Board Chair	(appointment held until Feb. 3, 2026)						

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Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force (And Appoint one alternate)	X	ALT					
Intergovernmental Tribal Relations Committee (Appt. TWO)					X	X	
Justice Project Oversight and Planning Committee (JPOP)	X	ALT					
Justice Project Finance and Facility Advisory Board	X						
Joint Advisory Workgroup for Justice Project planning purposes (AB2025-699) - <i>appoint 3</i>	X			X			X
LEOFF Board	X						
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)			X		ALT		
Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee - Appoint ONE non-voting attendee						X	
OPTIONAL: Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee Alt. - Appoint TWO alternates if Council wishes			ALT				
Marine Resources Committee				X			
Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) (AB2023-194)	X						
North Sound Behavioral Health Exec. Committee	X				ALT		
Northwest Clean Air Agency				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		ALT	X				
Public Health Advisory Board						X	
Racial Equity Commission Appoint ONE-Non-Voting (** 2 year term) AB2022-590				X	ALT		
Solid Waste Advisory Committee							X
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)					X		
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee				X	ALT		
WSAC Timber Counties Caucus				X		ALT	
WSAC Coastal Counties Caucus - Optional				X			
Whatcom Transportation Authority (<i>appoint 2 councilmembers per bylaw</i>)	X				X		
Whatcom County Tourism Board (AB2023-194)		ALT		X			