

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

1:40 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLY/LATE - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M.
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT
www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA
REVISED 1.12.2026**

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 Stremmer

Announcements**Special Presentation**

1. [AB2026-039](#) Presentation on flood preparedness and response from Public Works, Division of Emergency Management, and Finance Division

PRESENTED

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-010](#) Discussion relating to preliminary Planning Commission recommendations on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 10, Environment, associated with the Comprehensive Plan Update

DISCUSSED

2. [AB2026-037](#) Update on 2026 State Legislative Session

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to have Whatcom County Council support HB 2351.

3. [AB2026-041](#) Discussion of an ordinance establishing Whatcom County Code Section 2.02.195 Performance Audits

DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2026-049](#) Resolution affirming the dignity and civil and human rights of all Whatcom County residents, regardless of immigration or citizenship status

FORWARDED TO COUNCIL WITHOUT A RECOMMENDATION

Other Business**Adjournment**