

# **Whatcom County**

## **Council Committee of the Whole**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**311 Grand Avenue, Ste #105**  
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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.**  
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**[www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://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 Stremler

#### **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 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**