

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

2:30 PM

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**Roll Call****Announcements**

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Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-589](#) Discussion of Council priorities from Council's 2026 strategic planning exercise
2. [AB2026-604](#) Discussion of a proposal for hearing examiner services for 2027-2028
3. [AB2026-587](#) Discussion of Council Office procedures, meeting logistics, and efficiency measures
4. [AB2026-625](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of James Marks as Director of Whatcom County Planning & Development Services, effective September 14, 2026

**DISCUSSION ONLY; SCHEDULED ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2026-623](#) Resolution temporarily changing the format of Council committee meetings for Council meeting days

Items Added by Revision**Other Business****Adjournment**