

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

9:50 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:55 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,
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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 Stremmer

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-383](#) Discussion of a potential property acquisition with Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Tom Seguire and Public Works staff [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)]

DISCUSSED

2. [AB2026-405](#) Discussion with Civil Deputy Prosecutor Jesse Corkern on Lummi Nation litigation [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]

DISCUSSED

3. [AB2026-406](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor Jesse Corkern regarding Hailey Bergquist vs. Whatcom County et al., Skagit County Superior Court, Case No. 26-2-00115-29. Defense and indemnification of Ryan Rathbun, former Whatcom County Sheriff's Deputy, named as defendant [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]

DISCUSSED

4. [AB2026-407](#) Discussion of potential litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor Jesse Corkern regarding the Public Works Ferry Division's participation in Discover Card Merchant Class Action [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]

DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment