

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:45 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:55 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 9.5.2025

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmer

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-578](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor Christopher Quinn regarding opioid settlements and Whatcom County's participation in the G8 and Sackler/Purdue Opioid Settlement Agreements and the Thirteenth Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Purdue Pharma L.P. and its Affiliated Debtors, filed July 1, 2025 [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1)(i)]

WITHDRAWN

2. [AB2025-598](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor Jesse Corkern regarding Richard Arthur Kirkham, Plaintiff vs. City of Bellingham et al., Defendants, United States District Court Western District of Washington, No. 2:24-CV-01625-DGE-SKV, including defense and indemnification of Kellen Kooistra, Deputy Prosecutor, named as a defendant [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1)(i)]

DISCUSSED

3. [AB2025-599](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor Jesse Corkern on current Whatcom County litigation [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1)(i)]

DISCUSSED

4. [AB2025-605](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern, regarding recent executive orders issued by the current presidential administration, which affect the allocation and availability of federal funding to the County. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1)(i)]

DISCUSSED

5. [AB2025-631](#) Discussion regarding the potential lease or acquisition of real property [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b)]

DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment