

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

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
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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

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorneys Present: Kimberly Thulin, Tom Seguire, and Jesse Corkern
Galloway stated that discussion of all three agenda items may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). Executive session will conclude no later than 9:55 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

Rienstra moved to go into executive session until no later than 9:55 a.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Scanlon.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Councilmembers entered executive session at 8:49 a.m.

At 9:54 a.m., the Council chair announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 10:05 a.m.

1. [AB2026-323](#) Discussion with Whatcom County Public Works and Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Tom Seguire regarding potential litigation [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2026-341](#) Discussion with Whatcom County Planning and Development Services and County Legal regarding potential litigation related to the 2026 Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan review and update. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

3. [AB2026-342](#) Discussion with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern regarding potential litigation and approval of settlement, and separation agreement. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on May 12, 2026.

ATTEST



Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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