

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

8:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 8:40 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
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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 Vice Chair Jon Scanlon called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Elizabeth Boyle, Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Jessica Rienstra, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Absent: 1 - Kaylee Galloway

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-310](#) Discussion on pending litigation regarding the legal challenge to an initiative to repeal the Healthy Children's Fund tax levy with Council attorney Paul Lawrence [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]

Attorneys Present: Paul Lawrence and Kimberly Thulin.

Scanlon stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Executive session will conclude no later than 8:40 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council vice chair will make a public announcement.

Buchanan moved to go into executive session until no later than 8:40 a.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council vice chair. The motion was seconded by Rienstra.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Boyle, Buchanan, Elenbaas, Rienstra, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Galloway

Councilmembers entered executive session at 8:33 a.m.

At 8:41 a.m. the Council vice chair announced that the executive session would extend to no later than 8:50 a.m.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristi Felbinger