

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023
1:10 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 2:10 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Member Kathy Kershner called the meeting to order at 1:24 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Kaylee Galloway, Kathy Kershner, and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, and Ben Elenbaas

Announcements

Special Order of Business

1. [AB2023-049](#) Nomination and appointment of Committee Chair

Galloway moved that Kershner be NOMINATED AND APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Galloway, Kershner, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Kershner was appointed as Committee Chair and continued the meeting.

Special Presentations

1. [AB2022-706](#) Update from Whatcom County Medical Examiner Allison Hunt, M.D.

This agenda item was WITHDRAWN.

2. [AB2022-669](#) Presentation from Health Department on Opioid Settlement

The following people presented:

- Greg Thompson, Co-Health Officer
- Joe Fuller, Health Department

Fuller answered questions about whether fentanyl deaths in the county have gone up even more in 2022 than the latest data we have for 2021, whether there are more pending settlements after these initial ones, one suit in which the Attorney General went a different direction than most other states, and whether we will only be getting \$300,000 per year for 18 years with this settlement.

This agenda item was PRESENTED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Kathy Kershner-via email 1/17/2023

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Kathy Kershner, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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