

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, March 24, 2026
8:45 AM
Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:20 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR
CALL 360.778.5010)**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Elizabeth Boyle
Barry Buchanan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jessica Rienstra
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 8:46 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: Tom Seguire and Kimberly Thulin.

Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one and two may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110. (1)(i) and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b) respectively. Executive session will conclude no later than 9:20 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 9:20 a.m. to discuss the agenda items 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 8:48 a.m.

1. [AB2026-237](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Thomas Seguire concerning opioid settlements and Whatcom County's participation in the "Six Remnant Defendants" Opioid Settlement 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.

2. [AB2026-248](#) Discussion regarding the potential 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)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

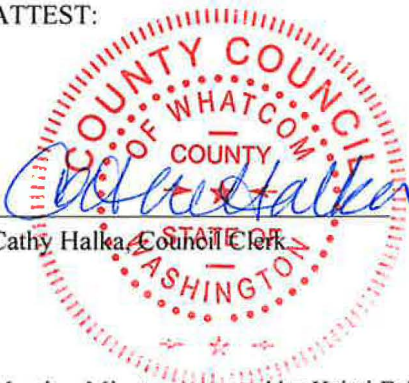
There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

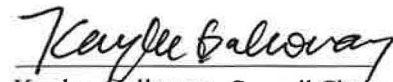
The County Council approved these minutes on April 14, 2026.

ATTEST:



Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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