

**Whatcom County
Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026
8:45 AM
Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:30 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISION 2.9.2026

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 8:45 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: Jesse Corkern, Greg Grennan, and Kimberly Thulin
Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one and Item Added by Revision item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i)]. Executive session will conclude no later than 9:30 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 9:30 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.

At 9:28 a.m. Galloway announced that they would extend the executive session to 9:45 a.m.

1. [AB2026-120](#) Discussion of pending and potential litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor Jesse Corkern, regarding Planning & Development Services [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2026-155](#) Discussion with Planning and Development Services attorney, Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Greg Greenan, regarding potential litigation related to the comprehensive

plan [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on February 24, 2026.

ATTEST:


Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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