

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

**8:45 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:20 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 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 Seguine 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 Seguine 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.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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