Whatcom County
Council as the Health Board

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
10 AM
Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

JOINT HEALTH BOARD/PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 12:00 PM (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 Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
Kirsten Smith

Call To Order

Roll Call - Health Board

Roll Call - PHAB

Announcements

If you require special assistance to participate, please contact the Council Office at 360-778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance. Assistive listening devices are available in Council Chambers, and live captions are available through Zoom for those participating remotely. This committee meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Whatcom County Council, with the agenda limited to committee business.

Public Comment

Health Board offers in-person and remote participation during Public Comment. If you are attending the meeting in person, Public Comment sign-up sheets will be available in Council Chambers. To participate remotely, please visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register for a Zoom link by 9:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. Speakers are given three minutes to address the Health Board and are asked to state their name for the record. Those participating on-site in Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those who registered to speak remotely. Per RCW 42.17A.555, the use of public facilities to support or oppose candidates or ballot issues is prohibited.

Special Presentation

1. AB2026-703 Update from the Public Health Advisory Board Chair

2. AB2026-702 Update from the Health Officer

3. AB2026-701 Update from the Health Director

Committee Discussion

1. AB2026-647 Discussion with the Health and Community Services Department regarding kratom use and potential regulation

2. AB2026-721 Discussion of Public Health Advisory Board recommendations on the Executive's 2027-2028 Biennial Budget proposal for the Health and Community Services Department

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment