

Minutes of Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Council Chambers

Joseph S. Yenni Building

1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard

Jefferson, LA 70123

Commission Members Present

Cherie Kay LaRocca

Chris Clement

Monica Pierre

Frank Young

Joel MacClellan

Commission Members Absent

None

Call Commission Meeting to order

Meeting called to order by Commissioner LaRocca at 5:00 P.M. Roll call. Quorum is constituted.

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Clement to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025 meeting.

MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Young. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

Public Hearing

Mike Weinberger

John O'Dell

Cornelia Ullman

Carol Barker Logreco

Eric Pierson

JoAnn Palwin

Kelvin Smyth

Mike Coletti

Melanie Coletti

John Break

Ronald Fasbender

Michael Siekmann

Lenny Hurley

Gary Adams
Johnny Van Vrancken
Debbie Theriot
Walter Beach
Dr. Mary L. Anderson
Susie Labry
Ricky Tozel
Greg Bosse
Herman Lombas
John Cutrera
Dan Ross
Nathan Koenig
Pete Braquet
Jennifer Van Vrancken
Roy Broussard
Blair Marionneaux
Linda Doyle
Leo Doyle
Clayton Cangelosi

MOTION by Commissioner Clement to amend the agenda for the approval of the 2026 JPECC & JPOIG shared budget. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Pierre. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

Resolution No. 65 – To approve the 2026 JPOIG/JPECC shared budget for the allocation of the special tax levied for the operations of the Office of Inspector General and the Ethics & Compliance Commission. **MOTION** by Commissioner Clement to accept the budget. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Pierre. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

Inspector General Report

Inspector General Kim Chatelain states the project of posting her monthly reports has been completed and all past monthly reports, since her appointment in 2022, can be found on the JPOIG website. She introduces Mr. Conrad Huber as the new in-house counsel for the JPOIG. IG Chatelain and Marta Schnabel, outside counsel for the JPOIG, speak to the challenges of finding uniquely qualified attorneys. IG Chatelain states she anticipates several draft and final reports to be released before the end of the year. She states three final reports have been recently released; 2025-0001 Review of Lease Transactions for Multi-Use Development, 2024-0006 Misuse of Parish Time & Property, and 2024-0003 East Bank Consolidated Fire Department Emergency Pay. Auditor Greg Lampard and Deputy IG Erica Smith present the 2024-0003 East Bank Consolidated Fire Department Emergency Pay report. IG Chatelain and Erica Smith field various questions from Jerry Sullivan and the Commissioners regarding the report. Jerry Sullivan suggests that the Ethics & Compliance Commission issue an advisory opinion on the findings from this report. Commissioner Clement volunteers to work with Jerry Sullivan to craft the advisory opinion on behalf of the ECC.

MOTION by Commissioner Young to enter into executive session for the performance review and evaluation of Inspector General Kim Chatelain and for the confidential referral of possible Jefferson Parish Ethical Standards violations by a parish employee. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Pierre. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

MOTION by Commissioner Pierre to return to open meeting. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Clement. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

MOTION by Commissioner LaRocca to refer the matter of possible Jefferson Parish Ethical Standards violations by a parish employee to the JPOIG. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner MacClellan. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

Commissioner Pierre and Commissioner LaRocca voice their support for the reappointment of Inspector General Kim Chatelain for a second term beginning in March 2026.

MOTION by Commissioner Pierre to reappoint Inspector General Kim Chatelain to a second term beginning March 2026. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Young. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

New Business

None

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 5pm.

Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Young to adjourn. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner MacClellan. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** unanimously without opposition or abstention.

MEETING ADJOURNED
at 7:40 pm