

Minutes of Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission
Wednesday, April 18, 2018
2nd Floor Council Chambers
Joseph S. Yenni Building
1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard
Jefferson, LA 70123

Commission Members Present:

Warren R. Bourgeois, III
Paul LaRosa
Carroll W. Suggs

Commission Members Absent:

None

Call Commission Meeting to order

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

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Bourgeois to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting.
MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner LaRosa. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition or abstention.

Public Hearing

None

Report of Inspector General

1. Reports

Inspector General McClintock introduces JPOIG Auditor Sierra Franklin to the Board of Commissioners. IG McClintock reports the Millage Advisory Panel has been established by Jefferson Parish to evaluate departments that receive revenue through various millages and carry fund balances in an effort to determine which millages the Parish wishes to increase or decrease. He presented on behalf of JPOIG and the ECC to the Panel regarding the millage revenue and carry over fund balance. IG McClintock states Chairman Suggs and Mr. Sullivan were also in attendance. Commissioner LaRosa asks questions regarding the JPOIG projected financial

position, and Kim Chatelain speaks to the initial source of JPOIG millage being rededicated funds from Streets Department excess millage.

2. Senate Bill 487

IG McClintock reports on Senate Bill 487, which was introduced by Senator Conrad Appel. Although the bill seeks to give authority to JPOIG to investigate Jefferson Parish School Board, neither the Commission nor the IG were aware of proposed Senate Bill 487 prior to its introduction in the Legislature.

3. Jefferson Parish Performing Arts Landscaping Contract

Special Agent Paul Lumpkin presents report on the public bid process for the landscape contract for the Performing Arts Center which indicates a violation of law within the bidding process. The Commissioners ask questions regarding the outcome. Jerry Sullivan recommends the Ethics and Compliance Commission issue an Advisory Opinion regarding the findings.

4. Jefferson Parish Finance Authority Audit

Kim Chatelain updates the Commissioners on Jefferson Parish Finance Authority Audit, specifically as it relates to pending issue before the Parochial Employee Retirement Board.

5. BP Funds

The Inspector General reports the total interest posted to date for all Council districts is \$682,524.52. Total expensed as of March 2018 is 24,271,413.47.

Advisory Opinion

MOTION by Commissioner Bourgeois to issue an Advisory Opinion to the Parish Council regarding the Jefferson Parish Bid/Protest process. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner LaRosa. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition or abstention.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is May 16, 2018.

Adjournment

MOTION by Commissioner Bourgeois to adjourn. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner LaRosa. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition or abstention.

MEETING ADJOURNED