

Minutes of Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission

Monday, January 9, 2023

Council Chambers

Joseph S. Yenni Building

1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard

Jefferson, LA 70123

Commission Members Present:

Warren Bourgeois, III

Dolores Hall

Cherie Kay LaRocca

Commission Members Absent:

Howard Maestri

Fr. Sidney Speaks

Call Commission Meeting to order

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

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Hall to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting.

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

Public Hearing

None

Inspector General Report

1. Compliance

IG Chatelain states the report distribution module, Vault Room, has moved to a new platform. The JPOIG is experiencing changes in service and quality which Vault Room is working on resolving. She reports training has begun on the Engagement Software. IG Chatelain states that 2023 is an election year and Jefferson Parish ordinance restricts the JPOIG from issuing reports 90 days prior to the election date.

2. Reports

IG Chatelain states a new audit report will be presented at the March meeting. Jerry Sullivan, counsel for the Ethics and Compliance Commission, questions IG Chatelain about the recent disclosure of confidential information prior to the release of the final report to the media. Mr.

Sullivan advises the Commissioners that a recommendation letter should be submitted to the Jefferson Parish Council regarding disclosure of confidential information by third parties once the audit is presented in March 2023.

New Business

MOTION by Commissioner Hall to amend the agenda for the discussion of Father Sidney Speaks participation on the Ethics & Compliance Commission. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner LaRocca. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

Jerry Sullivan suggests the Ethics & Compliance Commission send a letter to Father Speaks asking that he attend the Ethics & Compliance Commission meetings or resign from the Commission. He suggests a copy of that letter be sent to the Jefferson Parish Administration and Council.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2023. The Commissioners have asked for the next meeting be moved to Wednesday, March 8, 2023 pending Council Chambers availability.

Adjournment

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

MEETING ADJOURNED