

Minutes of Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Council Chambers
Joseph S. Yenni Building
1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard
Jefferson, LA 70123

Commission Members Present

Monica Pierre
Joel MacClellan
Frank Young

Commission Members Absent

None

Call Commission Meeting to order

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

MOTION by Commissioner Pierre to amend agenda to include the appointment of a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner MacClellan. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** unanimously without opposition or abstention.

MOTION by Commissioner Pierre to appoint Frank Young as Chairman and Monica Pierre as Vice-Chairwoman to the Ethics and Compliance Commission. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner MacClellan. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** unanimously without opposition or abstention.

Review and Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Pierre to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner MacClellan. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

Public Hearing

None

Discussion of Parish President's Opposition to education of Parish Employees about reporting Fraud Waste and Abuse

Inspector General Kim Chatelain states she approached the Parish President regarding education initiatives for Parish employees to be informed on reporting fraud waste and abuse, in the form of once-a-month mass emails. The Parish President stated she was opposed to using mass emails to all employees for a fraud waste and abuse education initiative. IG Chatelain asks the Commissioners for their support of the education initiative. Jerry Sullivan states the education initiative should also include educating Parish employees about the Ethics & Compliance Commission.

Resolution No. 69 – A resolution calling upon the Parish President and Parish Council to support and facilitate education initiatives proposed by the Inspector General and to work collaboratively with the Office of Inspector General to ensure educational outreach efforts are implemented in a manner that supports transparency, accountability, and the public interest. **MOTION** by Commissioner MacClellan to accept the resolution. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Pierre. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition and abstention.

Inspector General Report

IG Chatelain reports Auditor Jim Mitchell was timely evaluated in accordance with policies and procedures. She states she has hired Todd Goodson, a recently retired FBI agent, as an Agent 4. A request for proposal for development & design of a new JPOIG and JPECC website has been submitted to the Purchasing Department and is scheduled to run for 30 days. Applications for the JPOIG.gov and JPECC.gov domains have been submitted and await approval. IG Chatelain states the findings tracker was updated. She states there are audits underway for Jefferson Facilities, Inc., Jefferson Redevelopment, Inc. and Parish Use of LCMC Hospital Lease Proceeds. IG Chatelain states there are evaluations underway for Third Party Inspections, Eastbank Consolidated Fire Department Secondary Employment, Review of Transaction for Renovation and Lease of 519 Huey P. Long Ave. and Review of Parish Capital Project Process for Multi-use Development. She states a public letter has been issued in draft and will be released next week. Deputy IG of Audit Erica Smith presents the LCMC Compliance with the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Audit. Auditor Jim Mitchell presents the Personnel Hiring Practices Evaluation.

Discussion regarding Ethics & Compliance Commission appointment selection for the Quality Assurance Review Committee

Jerry Sullivan states he has spoken to attorney Kyle Schonekas in regards to the possible appointment to the Quality Assurance Review Committee to replace Jim Letten as the ECC's selection. Mr. Sullivan states the Parish Council's appointee, Mr. John Benz, has tendered his resignation from the QAR.

Resolution No. 70 – A resolution appointing Kyle Schonekas as the representative of the Jefferson Parish Ethics & Compliance Commission to serve on the Quality Review Advisory Committee concerning finalized public audits, investigations, inspections and performance reviews which have been published by the Office of Inspector General. **MOTION** by Commissioner Pierre to accept the resolution. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner MacClellan. 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, March 18, 2026 at 5pm.

Adjournment

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

MEETING ADJOURNED