

Minutes of Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
2nd Floor Council Chambers
Joseph S. Yenni Building
1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard
Jefferson, LA 70123

Commission Members Present:

Warren R. Bourgeois, III
Dolores Hall
Sandra Joseph
Howard Maestri

Commission Members Absent:

Laura Donnaway

Call Commission Meeting to order

Meeting called to order by Chairman Maestri 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 October 16, 2019 meeting.
MOTION SECONDED by Commissioner Hall. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition or abstention.

Public Hearing

None

Discussion of meeting between Commissioner Bourgeois, Jerry Sullivan, Parish President Yenni and Parish Attorney Courcelle

Commissioner Bourgeois outlines the meeting he attended, as liaison for the ECC, with Jerry Sullivan, Counsel for the ECC, Parish President Yenni, Parish Attorney David Courcelle and Michelle Morel. Jerry Sullivan presents further details of the meeting. Mr. Sullivan asks for a roll call vote of the commissioners to allow discussion of the referral, originally discussed in executive session, to the OIG from the ECC to be made public. The roll call vote was agreed upon and allowed without opposition or abstention. Mr. Sullivan covers the July 2019 complaint made by former Councilman Chris Roberts regarding emails being sent to and from private email addresses of Parish President Yenni. This complaint resulted in a referral to the OIG for further investigation. Kim Chatelain, 1st Assistant Inspector General, verifies before the commission that

the open and ongoing investigation by the OIG regarding public Jefferson Parish business being conducted on private emails is now of public record. Mr. Sullivan concurs.

Report of Inspector General

1. Reports

Deputy Inspector General Brian Smith presents the details of the Transition Report, which was issued in draft on July 1, 2019. A response from the Administration was received on September 13, 2019. A confidential final report was issued on October 17, 2019 and made public on October 30, 2019. IG McClintock, Kim Chatelain and Brian Smith field questions regarding the report from Mr. Sullivan and the commissioners.

IG McClintock states a draft meeting has been scheduled for November 25, 2019 on Audit of Security Services, with responses due December 11, 2019. On October 29, 2019, a draft report was issued on Council Advertising and Communications.

Kim Chatelain presents update on litigation regarding Go Graphics and Mark Spears. Go Graphics and the OIG have filed a motion for summary judgement and a hearing has been set for December 11, 2019. Mr. Sullivan states the ECC is monitoring these proceedings but will not take an active role in this litigation. The Mark Spears case is at the 5th circuit Court of Appeals.

2. BP Funds

Paul Lumpkin reports no significant expenditures in the month of October 2019.

New Business

Mr. Sullivan reports on the ECC's request to amend the ordinance regarding procedures on how hearings are conducted. He anticipates the amended ordinance will be passed at the December council meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner Bourgeois to set ECC meeting dates for every third Wednesday of each month for calendar year 2020. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Maestri. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** without opposition or abstention.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is January 15, 2020.

Adjournment

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

MEETING ADJOURNED