

Minutes of Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission
Wednesday, September 29, 2021
Council Chambers
Joseph S. Yenni Building
1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard
Jefferson, LA 70123

Commission Members Present:

Howard Maestri
Warren R. Bourgeois, III
Dolores Hall
Cherie Kay LaRocca

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 Hall to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting.

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

Agenda Amendment

MOTION by Commissioner Bourgeois to amend agenda to add consideration of proposed shared ECC/OIG budget by Inspector General. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Hall. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Hearing

None

Report of the Inspector General

1. Reports

Inspector General David McClintock reports on the impact of Hurricane Ida on the Office of Inspector General. He states there will be upgrades to the infrastructure of the OIG to improve office conductivity. Auditor Greg Lampard presents the Ricky Jackson Courage House Community Hope Center follow-up report. Deputy IG-Audit Susan Andrews presents the 2022 Risk Assessment & Audit Plan and Recommendation Tracker update. IG McClintock states the

Constables and Justice of the Peace follow-up is in line to be presented at the next ECC meeting. He states there are various other reports in progress.

2. Training

IG McClintock states he attended the Certified Inspector General Evaluator course. Britney Majure attended the Certified Inspector General Investigator course and received her certification. Malon Thompson attended the Certified Inspector General Auditor course and received his certification. IG McClintock states 1st Assistant IG Kim Chatelain is developing a position description for a new evaluator position.

3. Budget

IG McClintock recommends adoption of the 2022 shared ECC/OIG budget presented to the Commissioners at the July 2021 ECC Board meeting.

Resolution 45 – A resolution acknowledging receipt and approval of the budget prepared by the Jefferson Parish Office of Inspector General for the allocation and sharing of the special tax levied for the operations of Office of Inspector General and Ethics and Compliance Commission. **MOTION** by Commissioner Hall to approve. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner LaRocca. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** unanimously, without opposition or abstention.

4. BP

Auditor Malon Thompson states revenues were down due to interest adjustments for year end 2020. Council District 2 had expenditures totaling 109,221 and had funds returned totaling 1,204. He states the Jefferson Parish Administrative Projects fund had expenditures totaling 79,500.

Counsel for the Ethics and Compliance Commission Jerry Sullivan asks that the Ethics Commission recognize and applaud the efforts of the JPOIG for the Lafreniere Park investigative reporting which lead to a prosecution and guilty plea.

Executive Session

MOTION by Commissioner Bourgeois to enter into Executive Session regarding personnel issue. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Hall. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTION by Commissioner Bourgeois to return to Open Meeting. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner LaRocca. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution 46 – A resolution acknowledging that the Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission and the Jefferson Parish Inspector General realized that a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was made by the Parish of Jefferson in error that was not authorized by the Commission and that resulted in an overpayment of income, and there will be a repayment of an agreed upon amount through a payroll deduction by March 18, 2022. **MOTION** by Commissioner Hall to approve. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Bourgeois. The motion was voted upon and **PASSED** unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business

None

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting is Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Adjournment

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

MEETING ADJOURNED