



Jefferson Parish Office
of Inspector General

2025 SEPTEMBER REPORT



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This report is provided in connection with the Ethics and Compliance Commission meeting of September 17, 2025. It provides an overview of operations of JPOIG from July 28, 2025, through September 14, 2025.

Mission and Mandates

The JPOIG’s mission is to improve operations, to provide increase accountability, and to deter and identify fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts in Parish government. JPOIG achieves its mission through audits, evaluations, investigations, and transparency initiatives.

JPOIG’s responsibilities and duties are established by ordinance. The Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances (JPCO) §2-155.10 requires the JPOIG to initiate and conduct audits, investigations, inspections, and performance reviews to conform to the Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspectors General (Green Book) promulgated by the Association of Inspectors General.

Parish ordinance requires the JPOIG to provide individuals, entities, departments, and officials who are the subject of a finding or recommendation the opportunity to comment and respond before a report is finalized and published. Parish ordinance also requires the JPOIG to provide affected parties an opportunity to respond to Public Letters before they are published. JPOIG reports and public letters are published on the JPOIG website.



Administration

A. Budget

The JPOIG is supported by revenue from the Inspector General Special Services Funding District, a dedicated property tax. In October 2011, citizens authorized this tax for ten years. In November 2020, citizens voted to renew the tax for another ten years, i.e. through 2032. This revenue also supports the Jefferson Parish Ethics and Compliance Commission (JPECC). The JPOIG and JPECC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to provide for the allocation of resources with greater specificity and particularity.

The 2025 3rd Quarter Budget to Actual report showing revenue and expenses related to JPOIG operations will be provided next meeting.

B. Staff Recruitment, Retention, and Development

The JPOIG is committed to recruiting and retaining staff who collectively possess a variety of knowledge, skills, and experience to ensure mission success for the office. The JPOIG is equally committed to the professional growth and development of staff. The following employees were timely evaluated and received an annual raise in accordance with JPOIG policies and procedures:

- ✓ Special Agent Alaa Abuali

C. Procurement

Request for Proposal for development and design of a new website for JPOIG and JPECC.

D. Compliance

2026 Annual Work Plan

On 08/28/2025, the JPOIG publicly issued its 2026 Annual Work Plan in compliance with JPCO 2-155.10(17). This ordinance requires the Inspector General to present an annual work plan for the ensuing calendar year to the Ethics and Compliance Commission no later than September 1 of each year.

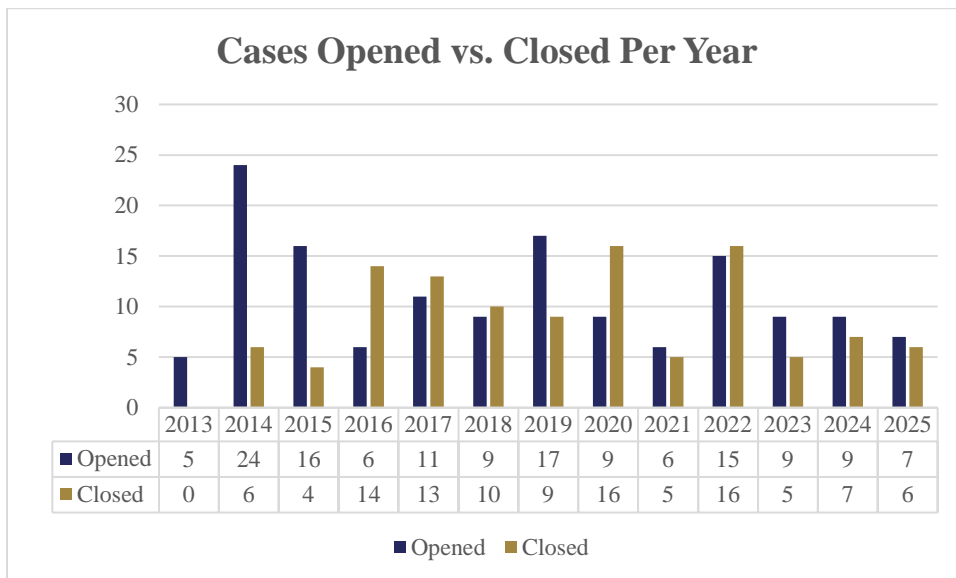
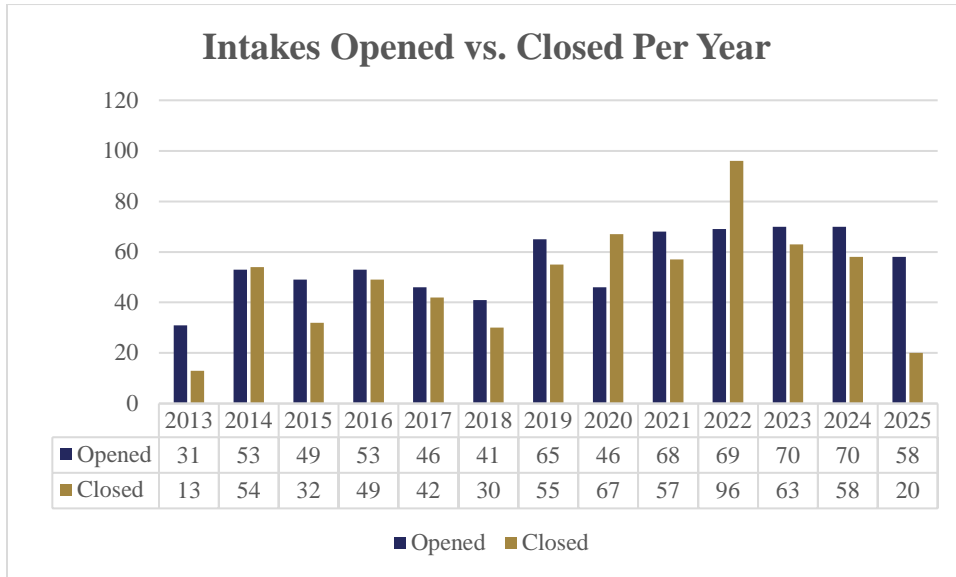
The 2026 Annual Work Plan, which can be found on JPOIG website (https://www.jpoig.net/images/2026_Annual_Work_Plan.pdf), sets forth the framework by which the office will prioritize oversight activity in the upcoming year. As required by ordinance, the plan incorporates:

- Risk Assessment Criteria;
- Schedule of Projects; and
- Quality Assurance Procedures.

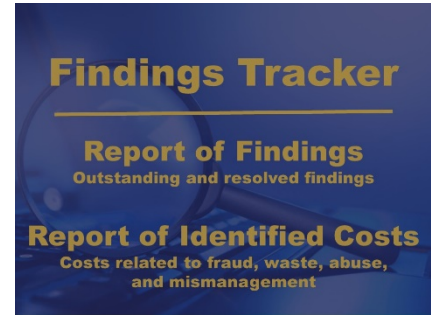
The timely issuance of the 2026 Work Plan reflects JPOIG's continuing compliance with its legal obligations and ensures the Ethics and Compliance Commission, Parish officials, and the public are apprised of the office's priorities for the coming year.

Milestones

Since 2013, the office has pursued matters that bear on core principles of transparency, accountability, ethics, and integrity in government.



During this same time, the JPOIG has reached numerous findings and made recommendations for corrective action. A report of these findings and related costs can be found on the JPOIG website. This report is updated quarterly. To date, the JPOIG has reached a total of **311 findings**, and **205 remain unresolved**.



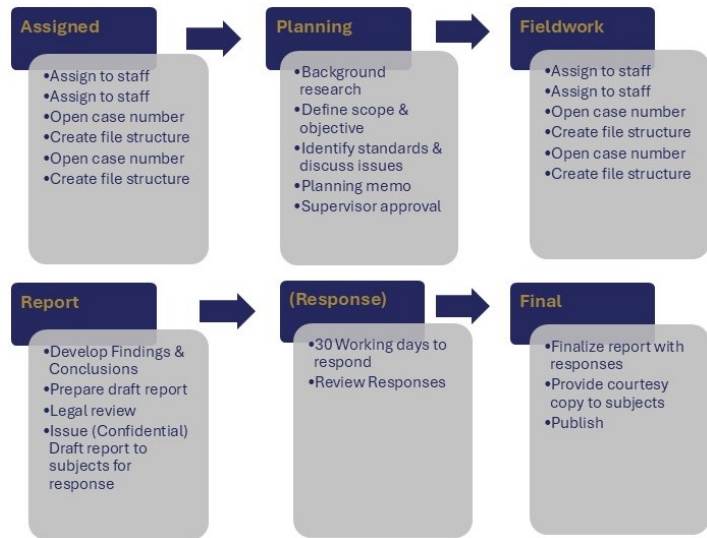
Summary of Findings Tracker

Updated quarterly – Last updated June 30, 2025



Audits

The JPOIG initiates and conducts audit activity in compliance with the Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspectors General (Green Book) promulgated by the Association of Inspectors General. These standards call upon the office to adopt one of two national standards: (1) Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, or (2) Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). Beginning in 2022, the JPOIG migrated to GAGAS standards, aka “Yellow book.”



Status of ongoing Audit Projects

Case Open Date	Case ID	Case Status	Summary	% Complete
Feb 19, 2024	2024-000000002	Fieldwork	LCMC Cooperative Endeavor Agreement	65%
Sep 30, 2024	2024-000000007	Planning	Jefferson Facilities Inc. Source & Use of Funds	30%
Sep 30, 2024	2024-000000008	Assigned	Jefferson Redevelopment, Inc. Source & Use of Funds	5%
Feb 26, 2025	2025-000000002	Planning	Parish Use of LCMC Hospital Lease Proceeds	30%

Summary of Audit Objectives

Hospital Svr. District No. 1, LCMC Cooperative Endeavor Agreement 2024-000000002

An audit to determine whether capital improvements were made to West Jefferson Medical Center (MJMC) in accordance with terms of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA).

Jefferson Facilities, Inc., Source & Use of Funds 2024-000000007

An audit to determine if the Parish is receiving the services as required under the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements.

Jefferson Redevelopment, Inc., Source & Use of Funds 2024-000000008

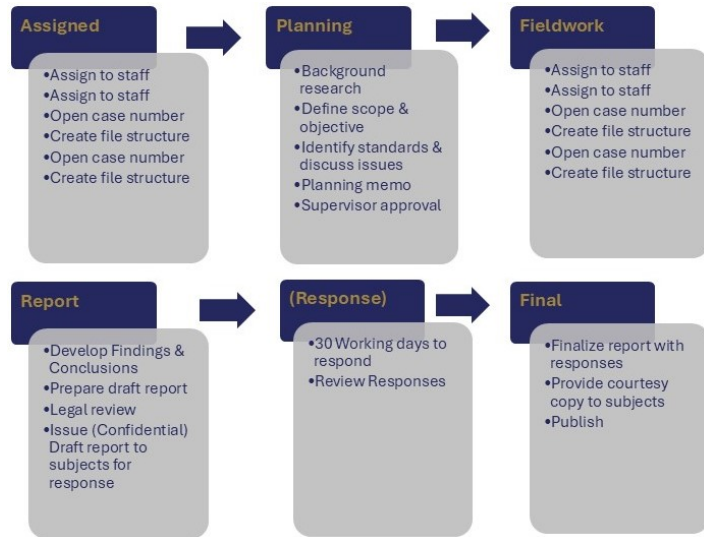
An audit to determine if the Parish is receiving the services as required under the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements.

Hospital Svr. District No. 1 Use of Proceeds 2025-000000002

An audit to review all expenditures and projects funded by lease proceeds and to determine whether expenditures comply with relevant laws, intended restrictions, and to meet community health needs.

Evaluations and Inspections

The JPOIG initiates and conducts evaluation activity in compliance with the Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspectors General (Green Book) promulgated by the Association of Inspectors General.



Status of ongoing Evaluation Projects

Case Open Date	Case ID	Case Status	Summary	% Complete
Jun 27, 2022	2022-000000020	Fieldwork	Personnel Hiring Practices Evaluation.	65%
Oct 18, 2023	2023-000000009	Fieldwork	Third-Party Inspections Evaluation	65%
Jul 27, 2025	2025-000000007	Planning	East Bank Consolidated Fire Department Secondary Employment	30%

Summary of Evaluation Objectives

Personnel-Hiring Practices 2022-000000020

An evaluation of the Personnel Department’s ability to efficiently and effectively recruit employees and provide departments with qualified candidates for employment.

Third-Party Inspections 2023-000000009

An evaluation of the Building Permits Department’s processing of third-party inspections.

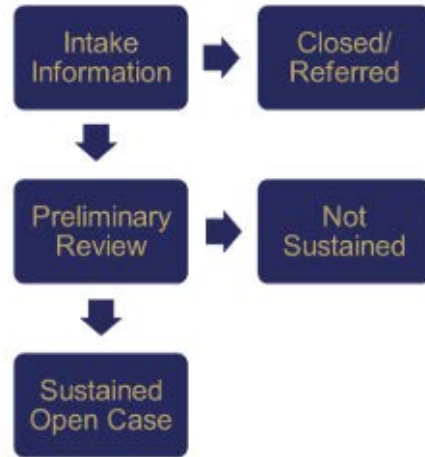
East Bank Consolidated Fire Department Secondary Employment 2025-000000007

An evaluation to determine whether employees are working secondary employment while on off-duty injury leave, and if so, the nature of employment and potential for fraud, waste, and abuse.

Investigations

Intakes

Information is key to preventing and detecting fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts within government. The JPOIG systematically captures, tracks, maintains, and assesses information received. JPOIG uses professional judgment to determine whether information is worthy of an assigned Intake number. Factors considered include jurisdiction; reliability of information; potential harm to government; alternative relief; and available resources. Intakes are closed for a variety of reasons to include that information cannot be substantiated. The following table reflects Intakes opened and closed during the reporting period.



07/28/2025 through 09/14/2025			
Intakes Opened	Complaint Date	Intakes Closed	Close Date
2025-000000038	7/30/2025	2025-000000042	9/8/2025
2025-000000039	7/30/2025	2025-000000043	9/8/2025
2025-000000040	8/5/2025		
2025-000000041	8/5/2025		
2025-000000042	8/4/2025		
2025-000000043	8/8/2025		
2025-000000044	8/8/2025		
2025-000000045	8/14/2025		
2025-000000046	8/15/2025		
2025-000000047	8/15/2025		
2025-000000048	8/15/2025		
2025-000000049	8/20/2025		
2025-000000050	8/22/2025		
2025-000000051	8/25/2025		
2025-000000052	8/22/2025		
2025-000000053	8/20/2025		
2025-000000054	8/25/2025		
2025-000000055	8/28/2025		
2025-000000056	8/26/2025		
2025-000000057	8/25/2025		
2025-000000058	8/29/2025		

Cases

The JPOIG initiates and conducts investigative activity in compliance with the *Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspectors General* (Green Book) promulgated by the Association of Inspectors General.

07/28/2025 through 09/14/2025			
Cases Opened	Open Date	Cases Closed	Close Date
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Investigations as of:	09/14/2025
Open Intakes:	83
Open Cases:	23

Referrals

The JPOIG made 1 referral from 07/28/2025 through 09/14/2025.

Referrals made from 05/19/2025 through 07/27/2025	
Ethics and Compliance Commission:	0
State Ethics Board:	0
Enforcement Agencies:	1
Parish Departments:	0

Public Letters

Public letters satisfy our mission to prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts. Unlike reports which are reactive and detective, public letters are proactive and preventative. Public letters are issued (1) before an action or decision is made; or (2) as an early communication upon the discovery of information but before a full analysis can be completed.

Status of ongoing Public Letters

Case Open Date	Case ID	Case Status	Summary	% Complete
Jul 3, 2025	2025-000000006	Final Report	Public Letter to Parish President & Parish Council: Condition of Financial Administration	100%

Summary of Public Letter Objectives

Condition of Financial Administration 2025-000000006

A transparency initiative that examines the Parish’s failure to produce timely financials, considers the administration’s stated reasons, and incorporates context not previously disclosed to the public.

Reports and Public Letters





Reports satisfy our mission to detect fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts. They are a comprehensive look into a past issue, its impact, and the measures needed to prevent recurrence. Reports seek to uncover what happened, why it happened, and how to stop it from happening again. Their value lies in a detailed analysis that can guide future decisions. Investigative reports were developed based upon information provided to or learned by the JPOIG. Audit and Evaluation reports were the product of planned activity.

During 2024, the JPOIG also reported on oversight activity by way of two public letters. Public letters satisfy our mission to prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and illegal acts. Unlike reports which are reactive and detective, public letters are proactive and preventative. Public letters are issued (1) before an action or decision is made; or (2) as an early communication upon the discovery of information but before a full analysis can be completed. For example, a public letter may review proposed legislation and its potential impact on operations based upon facts that are known and risks that can be identified. A well-timed public letter warns of risks and highlights vulnerabilities. Its value is in prompting change to prevent a loss.

Published reports and public letters are briefed before the Ethics and Compliance Commission.

The JPOIG issued the confidential draft of the Public Letter to Parish President & Parish Council: Condition of Financial Administration on 08/13/2025. The draft period is anticipated to end on 09/25/2025, with the letter being issued publicly following the draft period.

Public Outreach and Engagement

Social Media Platform		Engagement
	Facebook 886 Followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained 7 followers. • 5 Posts/Re-posts. • Reached 5,736 viewers across app posts. • Page Visits: 746.
	Instagram 89 Followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained 0 followers. • 5 Posts/Re-posts. • Reached 133 viewers across app posts. • Profile Visits: 11.
	X 178 Followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained 1 followers. • 5 Tweets/Re-tweets.
	Linked-In 364 Followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained 13 followers. • 5 Posts/Re-posts. • 3,160 Post Impressions.

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BY INTERNET:

Visit our website at www.jpoig.net, click
"Report Waste, Fraud, or Abuse"

BY PHONE:

Call our tip line at (504) 528-4444

BY MAIL:

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IN PERSON:

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