



Jefferson Parish Office
of Inspector General

2026 MAY REPORT



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This report is provided in connection with the Ethics and Compliance Commission meeting of 05/20/2026. It provides an overview of operations of JPOIG from 03/17/2026 through 05/17/2026.

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 2026 1st Quarter Budget to Actual report showing revenue and expenses related to JPOIG operations is attached.

B. Staff Recruitment, Retention, and Development

Staff Evaluations

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 in accordance with JPOIG policies and procedures:

- ✓ Britney Majure
- ✓ Kenneth Mahrle

Staff Recruitment

The Jefferson Parish Office of Inspector General has posted the advertisement for the Deputy Inspector General – Audit position on jpoig.net and on LinkedIn as of 05/11/2026. The advertisement is expected to be posted on additional recruitment platforms in the coming week.

C. Procurement

The Jefferson Parish Office of Inspector General has contracted with CivicPlus, which also designs and maintains the Jefferson Parish Government website, to redesign the JPOIG website through an available State contract.

Kick-off for the website redesign project is scheduled to begin during the first week of June.

D. Compliance

Peer Review

Under JPCO §2-155.10(16)(b), the JPOIG is required to undergo an independent peer review by the Association of Inspectors General every three years. The JPOIG last underwent a Peer Review in September 2024 and has requested that the next Peer Review, covering the period 2024–2026, be conducted in September 2027.

Quality Assurance Review Committee

Pursuant to JPCO §2-155.10(16)(a), finalized public reports issued by the JPOIG are subject to an annual Quality Assurance Review conducted by an independent advisory committee. The committee consists of one representative appointed by the Parish Council, one appointed by the Parish President, and one appointed by the Ethics & Compliance Commission. The committee is responsible for reviewing the quality and professionalism of the JPOIG's published work by issuing a written review to the JPOIG and publicly presenting its findings following publication of the JPOIG Annual Report, but no later than May 31 of each year.

Between September 2025 and January 2026, all three members of the Quality Assurance Review Committee (QARC) resigned:

- Council appointee, John Benz, resigned 01/19/2026
- Parish President appointee, Duke McConnell, resigned 01/22/2026
- JPECC appointee, Jim Letten, resigned 09/29/2025

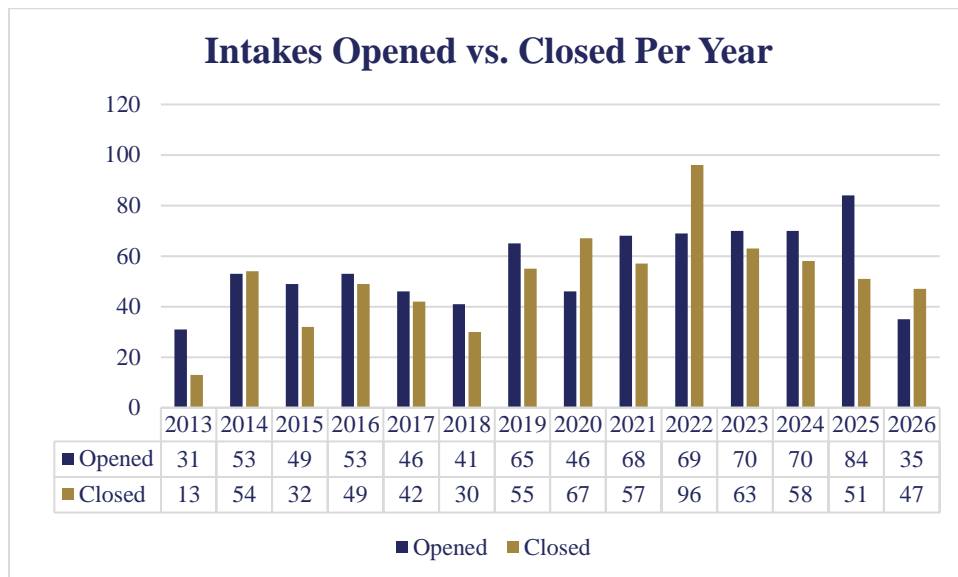
On 01/21/2026, the Ethics & Compliance Commission appointed Kyle Schonekas as its representative to the QARC. The representative positions for the Parish President and Parish Council currently remain vacant. Due to the failure to timely appoint, the May 31st deadline will not be met.

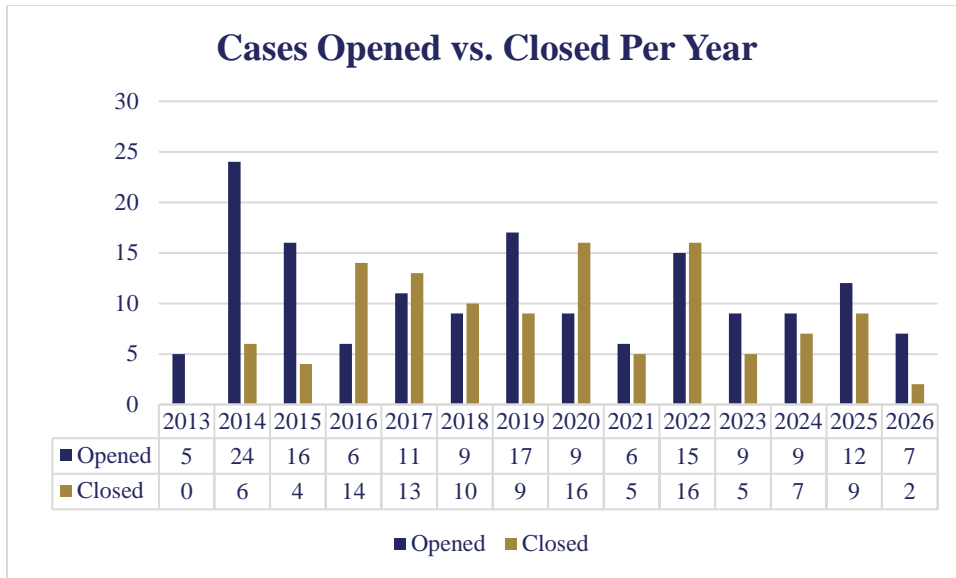
Resolutions nominating candidates by the Council have appeared on several Council agenda, but the Council has deferred action.

The JPOIG remains prepared to fully cooperate with and support the QARC once the committee is fully constituted. See correspondence from the Inspector General to the Parish Council and President dated 05/07/2026.

Milestones

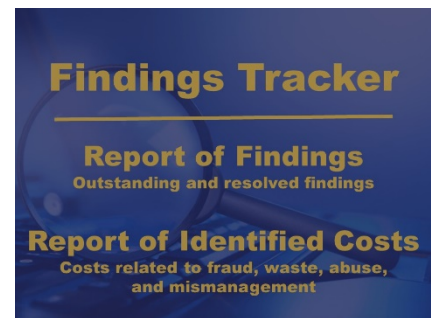
Since 2013, the office has pursued matters that bear on core principles of transparency, accountability, ethics, and integrity in government.





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.

Since the last meeting of the Jefferson Parish Ethics & Compliance Commission, the Jefferson Parish Office of Inspector General has again refreshed its Findings Tracker per quarterly update schedule.

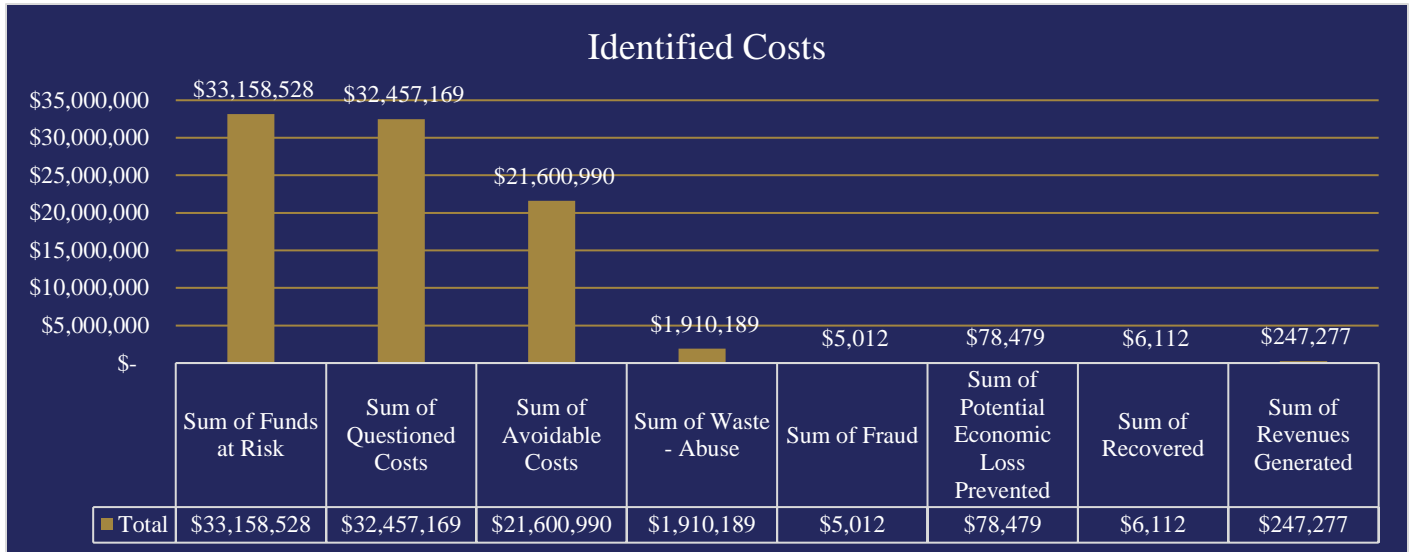


To date, the JPOIG has reached a total of **335 findings, concerns, and observations of which 195 findings remain unresolved.**

Summary of Findings Tracker

Updated quarterly – Last updated March 31, 2026





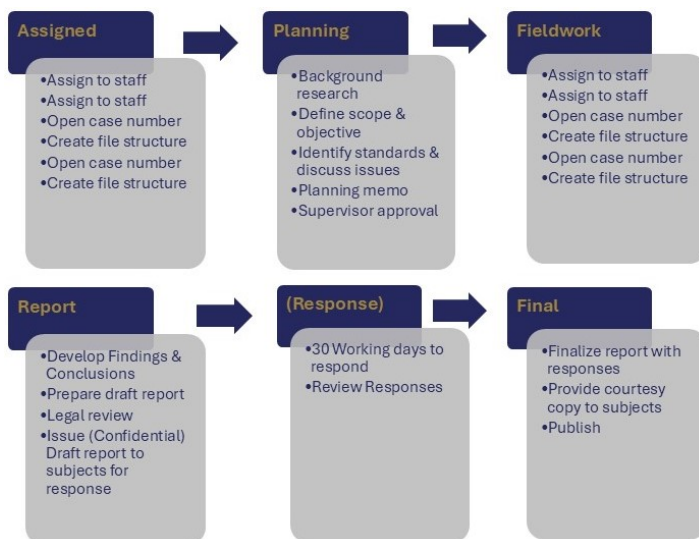
Cases

The JPOIG opened the following new “case” numbers in this reporting period. This includes new audits, investigations, evaluations, and public letters.

03/17/2026 through 05/17/2026			
Cases Opened	Open Date	Cases Closed	Close Date
2026-000000006	4/16/2026	2025-000000011	4/16/2026
2026-000000007	4/16/2026		

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
Sep 30, 2024	2024-000000007	Planning Approval	Jefferson Facilities Inc. Source & Use of Funds	35%
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

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**

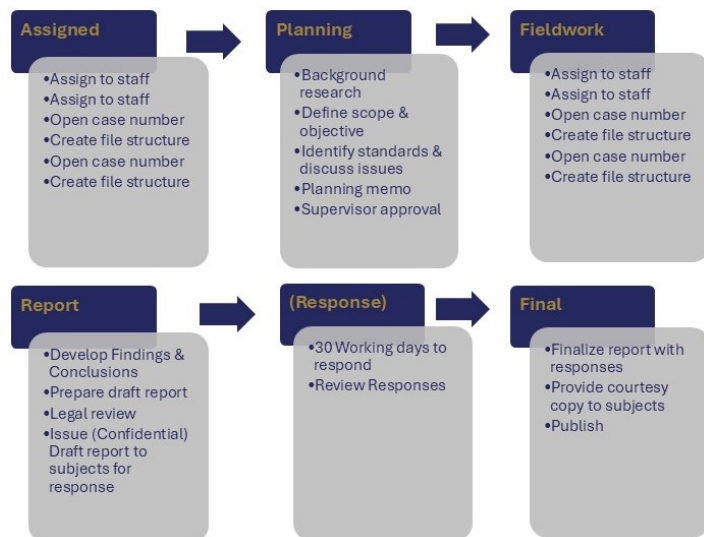
An audit to determine if the Parish is receiving the services as required under the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements.

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
Oct 18, 2023	2023-000000009	Report/Review	Third-Party Inspections Evaluation	85%
Jul 27, 2025	2025-000000007	Report/Review	East Bank Consolidated Fire Department Secondary Employment	85%
Nov 3, 2025	2025-000000009	Planning	Review of Transaction for Renovation and Lease of 519 Huey P. Long	30%
Nov 3, 2025	2025-000000010	Planning	Review of Parish Capital Project Process for Multi-Use Development	30%

Summary of Evaluation Objectives

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.

Review of Transaction for Renovation and Lease of 519 Huey P. Long **2025-000000009**

A review of the transaction for the renovation and lease of 519 Huey P. Long Avenue.

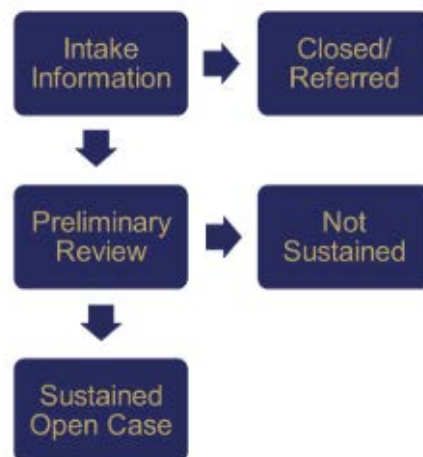
Review of Parish Capital Project Process for Multi-Use Development **2025-000000010**

A review of the Parish’s Capital Project process to obtain State funding for the Multi-Use Development and Parking Garage.

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.



03/17/2026 through 05/17/2026			
Intakes Opened	Complaint Date	Intakes Closed	Close Date
2026-000000020	3/18/2026	2022-000000007	4/16/2026
2026-000000021	3/17/2026	2023-000000051	4/16/2026
2026-000000022	3/19/2026	2024-000000027	4/16/2026
2026-000000023	4/2/2026	2024-000000039	4/16/2026
2026-000000024	4/8/2026	2024-000000057	4/16/2026
2026-000000025	4/11/2026	2024-000000058	4/16/2026
2026-000000026	4/11/2026	2024-000000067	4/16/2026
2026-000000027	4/13/2026	2025-000000001	4/16/2026
2026-000000028	4/15/2026	2025-000000004	4/16/2026
2026-000000029	4/17/2026	2025-000000014	4/16/2026
2026-000000030	4/20/2026	2025-000000031	4/16/2026
2026-000000031	4/28/2026	2025-000000036	4/16/2026
2026-000000032	4/30/2026	2025-000000037	4/16/2026
2026-000000033	4/30/2026	2025-000000038	4/16/2026
2026-000000034	5/1/2026	2025-000000045	4/16/2026
2026-000000035	5/7/2026	2025-000000048	4/16/2026
2026-000000036	3/19/2026	2025-000000065	4/16/2026
		2025-000000066	4/16/2026
		2025-000000071	4/16/2026
		2025-000000077	4/16/2026
		2025-000000079	4/16/2026
		2025-000000082	4/16/2026
		2026-000000001	4/16/2026
		2026-000000002	4/16/2026
		2026-000000003	4/16/2026
		2026-000000005	4/16/2026
		2026-000000006	4/16/2026
		2026-000000014	4/16/2026
		2026-000000016	4/16/2026
		2026-000000017	4/16/2026
		2026-000000019	4/16/2026
		2026-000000021	4/16/2026
		2026-000000022	4/16/2026
		2026-000000023	4/16/2026
		2026-000000024	4/16/2026
		2026-000000025	4/16/2026
		2026-000000026	4/16/2026

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.

Investigations as of: 05/17/2026	
Open Intakes:	66
Open Cases:	29

Referrals

The JPOIG made 4 referrals from 03/17/2026 through 05/17/2026.

Referrals made from 03/17/2026 through 05/17/2026	
Ethics and Compliance Commission:	1
State Ethics Board:	1
Enforcement Agencies:	2
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 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
Jan 16, 2026	2026-000000001	Assigned	Clarification of Inspector General Access to Electronic Communications and Privileged Materials	5%
Feb 23, 2026	2026-000000005	Report Approval	Review of JFI Commercial Development Activity	90%

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.





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. 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.

The JPOIG has issued the following:

- Public Letter 2026-0005: Review of Jefferson Facilities Inc. Commercial Development Activity. The draft report was issued on 04/07/2026. The final report is scheduled to be released publicly on 05/20/2026.

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

Public Outreach and Engagement

Social Media Platform		Engagement
	Facebook 986 Followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained 11 followers. • 6 Posts/Re-posts. • Reached 4,344 viewers across app posts. • Page Visits: 576.
	Instagram 103 Followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained 3 followers. • 5 Posts/Re-posts. • Reached 98 viewers across app posts. • Profile Visits: 19.
	X 181 Followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost 1 follower. • 6 Tweets/Re-tweets.
	Linked-In 375 Followers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained 1 follower. • 6 Posts/Re-posts. • 1,237 Post Impressions.

During the period from 03/17/2026, through 05/17/2026, Inspector General Kim Raines Chatelain spoke with 4 civic groups regarding the work of the JPOIG and how to stay connected with the Office. IG Chatelain spoke with the following groups:

- Politics with a Punch (03/26/2026)
- Legal Professionals of New Orleans (03/31/2026)
- West Jefferson Civic Coalition (04/27/2026)
- Johnny Bright Booster Club (04/30/2026)



During the same period, Deputy Inspector General Jeffrey Adolph presented to the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance and the Association of Governmental Accountants (03/25/2026) regarding the work of the JPOIG.



JPOIG In the News...

[Jefferson Parish IG calls out parish officials in report | Jefferson Parish | nola.com](#) - 3/18/2026

[Port Orleans Brewing sues Jefferson Parish over brewpub | Courts | nola.com](#) - 4/2/2026

[Jefferson Parish Council approves deal to transform Johnny Bright Playground](#) - 4/22/2026

“Jefferson Parish Inspector General Kim Chatelain sent a letter to the parish council asking it to defer voting on the item. The IG raised concerns that the deal might not follow public bid and lease laws, which are designed to protect taxpayer dollars.”

[Jefferson Parish pursues tennis complex at Bright Playground | Jefferson Parish | nola.com](#) - 4/22/2026

“Also wary of the facility was Jefferson Parish Inspector General Kim Chatelain, who requested a deferral on the item over concerns that the project did not undergo a public bid process and therefore lacked fairness or transparency.”

[Metairie's Bright Playground will not become a tennis center | Jefferson Parish | nola.com](#) - 5/6/2026

“Chatelain had requested a deferral on the letter of intent so her office could review it, which Liljeberg declined because of its non-binding nature. Chatelain said she also sent administrative subpoenas to Split Sets for basic documentation like business plans after the parish said it did not possess such paperwork.”



1st Quarter Budget to Actual

First Quarter 2026 JPOIG BUDGET- Department 3562 - Office of Inspector General						
Class	Account #	Account Description	2026 Amended Budget	2026 First Quarter YTD	% Used	2026 Amended Budget less YTD expense
69 - PerSer/Bf	7011	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	1,179,436.00	272,480.64	23%	906,955.36
69 - PerSer/Bf	7011.3	ADMINISTRATIVE COMP	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
69 - PerSer/Bf	7031	ACC LEAVE	0.00	0.00		0.00
69 - PerSer/Bf	7033	EXPENSE ALLOWANCES	42,780.00	13,425.00	31%	29,355.00
70 - PerSer/Bf	7110.1	MEDICARE	17,132.00	4,024.80	24%	13,107.20
70 - PerSer/Bf	7110.2	FICA	3,869.00	0.00	0%	3,869.00
70 - PerSer/Bf	7121.1	J P EMPLOYEES' RETIRE SYS	1,181.00	286.56	24%	894.44
70 - PerSer/Bf	7122.1	PAROCHIAL EMPLOYEES' RET	112,672.00	27,446.01	24%	85,225.99
70 - PerSer/Bf	7131.1	HEALTH-CURRENT EMPLOYEES	101,107.00	20,701.92	21%	80,405.08
70 - PerSer/Bf	7132.1	LIFE-CURRENT EMPLOYEES	1,683.00	367.52	22%	1,315.48
70 - PerSer/Bf	7133	PENSION FACTOR	2,557.00	622.32	24%	1,934.68
70 - PerSer/Bf	7134	POST EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	15,530.00	0.00	0%	15,530.00
70 - PerSer/Bf	7136	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	319.00	81.45	26%	237.55
70 - PerSer/Bf	7140	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	105.00	0.00	0%	105.00
70 - PerSer/Bf	7150	WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	1,175.00	0.00	0%	1,175.00
70 - PerSer/Bf	7161	TENURE PAYMENTS	840.00	0.00	0%	840.00
71 - PerSer/Oth	7022	CONTRACT PERSONNEL	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
71 - PerSer/Oth	7163.1	PHYSICALS	150.00	85.00	57%	65.00
71 - PerSer/Oth	7163.2	DRUG TESTS	150.00	30.87	21%	119.13
72 - Supplies	7210	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000.00	977.92	20%	4,022.08
72 - Supplies	7211	POSTAGE	500.00	89.96	18%	410.04
72 - Supplies	7212	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	25,000.00	7,767.99	31%	17,232.01
72 - Supplies	7214.1	PC SOFTWARE	3,500.00	0.00	0%	3,500.00
72 - Supplies	7214.2	COMP ACCESSORIES	1,880.00	0.00	0%	1,880.00
73 - Prof/Tech	7311	INDIRECT COSTS	23,002.00	5,749.00	25%	17,253.00
73 - Prof/Tech	7312.1	ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	784.00	216.00	28%	568.00
73 - Prof/Tech	7312.2	SHERIFF'S OFFICE	778.00	210.00	27%	568.00
74 - Prof/Tech	7321	ATTORNEY'S FEES	50,000.00	16,012.50	32%	33,987.50
73 - Prof/Tech	7331	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	31,063.00	14,092.35	45%	16,970.65
73 - Prof/Tech	7332.1	COMPUTER SERVICE	18,836.00	0.00	0%	18,836.00
74 - Serv/Prop	7431.1	BUILDINGS & STRUCTURE	2,000.00	0.00	0%	2,000.00
74 - Serv/Prop	7442	BUILDINGS	100,000.00	24,672.00	25%	75,328.00
74 - Serv/Prop	7445	OFFICE EQUIPMENT RENTAL	5,000.00	1,399.80	28%	3,600.20
75 - Other Serv	7512.4	CENTRAL TELEPHONE SERVICE	671.00	0.00	0%	671.00
75 - Other Serv	7513	DATA LINES	1,000.00	320.08	32%	679.92
75 - Other Serv	7517	INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
75 - Other Serv	7531	INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
75 - Other Serv	7532	INSURANCE POLICIES	15,000.00	8,539.00	57%	6,461.00
75 - Other Serv	7540	ADVERTISING	1,000.00	0.00	0%	1,000.00
75 - Other Serv	7551	CENTRAL PRINTING CHARGE	500.00	0.00	0%	500.00
75 - Other Serv	7562.1	AUTOMOBILE EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
75 - Other Serv	7562.3	TRAINING AND TRAVEL COSTS	20,000.00	1,400.00	7%	18,600.00
75 - Gen'l Exp	7693	ELECTION EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
76 - Gen'l Exp	7699.9	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXP	5,000.00	0.00	0%	5,000.00
77 - Cap Outlay	7743	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	0.00	0%	2,000.00
77 - Cap Outlay	7744	FURNITURE & FIXTURES	2,500.00	0.00	0%	2,500.00
77 - Cap Outlay	7746	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	8,000.00	0.00	0%	8,000.00
77 - Cap Outlay	7748	VIDEO & AUDIO EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	0.00	0%	2,000.00
TOTAL Office of Inspector General			1,805,700.00	420,998.69	24%	1,384,701.31

Quality Assurance Review Committee Email

From: [Kim Chatelain](#)
To: [Arita Bohannon](#); [Byron Lee](#); [Deano Bonano](#); [Hans Liljeberg](#); [Jennifer Van Vrancken](#); [Scott Walker](#); [Tim Kerner](#); [Cynthia Lee Sheng](#)
Cc: iwsullivan@sdsllawllc.com
Subject: Office of Inspector General Quality Assurance Review Committee
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026 3:53:44 PM
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All, I am following up on remarks and conversation of yesterday at Council Meeting relative to Quality Assurance Review Committee for the JPOIG. The past Committee members were as follows:

- Council Appointee (Chairman) John Benz (Resigned 01/19/2026)
- Parish President Appointee Duke McConnel (Resigned 01/22/2026)
- Ethics and Compliance Appointee Jim Letten (Resigned 9/29/2025)

Below, you will find correspondence correlating to resignations of Council and Parish President appointees. On 01/21/2026, the Ethics and Compliance Commission selected Kyle Schonekas to replace Jim Letten by Resolution No. 70.

By way of history and context, the Office of Inspector General was created via ordinance in May 2011, JPCO 2-155.10. It was established upon appointment of its first Inspector General in March 2013 and released its first report in September 2013. The ordinance provides for a Quality Assurance Review Committee to annually review the published works of the office and a triennial Peer Review of work. JPCO 2-155.10(16), *Office of Inspector General*, provides:

Quality assurance review. Finalized public audits, investigations, inspections and performance reviews which have been published by the office of inspector general shall be subject to annual quality assurance reviews by an advisory committee to include one (1) representative named by the parish council, one (1) representative named by the parish president, and one (1) representative named by the ethics and compliance commission; said committee shall be renewed annually.

Qualifications for membership of the committee are (1) members shall be domiciled in Jefferson Parish; (2) members may not hold any elective or appointed position with the parish nor any other government or political party office, nor be employed by any entity that is subject to review by the office of inspector general within two (2) years prior to appointment to the committee.

The representative appointed by the parish council shall serve as chairman. The chairman shall be responsible for providing each committee member with materials for the annual review, presenting the committee's written review to the office of inspector general and setting a public meeting at which the committee will present its written review.

The office of inspector general shall cooperate fully with the committee by providing access to all completed public reports. The inspector

general may appear before the committee at its scheduled public meeting.

The committee's written review of the office of inspector general shall be forwarded to the inspector general at least fifteen (15) days prior to the public meeting at which the committee will present its review. The public meeting shall be scheduled **after publication of the inspector general's annual report but not later than May 31st**. (Bold supplied)

The Ethics and Compliance Commission appointed Jim Letten early. Delay in appointments by Council and Parish President precluded Quality Assurance reviews for the first six years of the office's operation: 2013 through 2018. The first report was issued under Chairman John Benz in May 2019 for Year End 2018. Since 2019, the Quality Assurance Review Committee has published its review of the JPOIG at a public meeting held in the Yenni Building Council Chambers. As the inaugural members, Messrs. Benz, McConnel and Letten came together and declared their policy, process, and parameters for review of the office. For your ready reference, you can read their first report at https://www.jpoig.net/images/2018_QAR_Report.pdf. Over the years, the process matured but has always included an interview of the Inspector General. Each year the Committee scheduled a time to meet and question the Inspector General which lasted 1 ½ hour to 2 hours and was held on the 3rd Floor of Yenni. This interview included a set of questions which were asked year-over-year and questions directed at specific work product in the scope period. Read the most recent review here https://www.jpoig.net/images/2024_Quality_Assurance_Review_Report.pdf. All reports are published on our website: <https://www.jpoig.net/reports-news-info/quality-assurance-reviews>.

The members and process were well established prior to my term as Inspector General. Since my appointment in 2022, I engaged with members and appreciated their experience and perspective. Collectively, they brought legal, accounting, and government experience which proved beneficial to providing meaningful feedback on the work of the office.

Hoping you are able to identify new members to serve this important role, and I am certain past members would make themselves available to support this effort. Mr. Schonekas has attended Ethics and Compliance meetings since his appointment. New members will be notified of meetings and provided materials upon notice of appointment. Feel free to share this email or content as you see appropriate if it proves helpful to the undertaking.

From: John E. Benz <jebb44@aol.com>
To: bleonard@ieffparish.net <bleonard@ieffparish.net>
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2026 at 01:38:06 PM CST
Subject: Resignation

1/19/2026

To the Jefferson Parish Council:

After much consideration I have decided to submit my resignation as member and

chairman of the Jefferson Parish Inspector General Quality Assurance Review Committee. It seems that my age and poor health has caught up with me and I feel that I can no longer carry out the duties of the committee. I want to thank the Jefferson Parish Council for the honor and privilege of serving it and the people of Jefferson for these past seven years. It has also been an honor and privilege to have served with the fellow members of the committee, two of the finest gentlemen I have met, Duke McConnell and Jim Letten. These two men with their opinions and wisdom were instrumental in our work and were instrumental in keeping the committee unbiased and apolitical. It has also been a privilege to work with two excellent Inspector's General, David McClintok and Kim Chatelain. IG McClintok took the idea of an Inspector General's office and turned it into a functioning entity. IG Chatelain and her excellent staff have taken over with her own ideas and moved the office forward. They both were relentless in seeking out fraud waste and abuse, promoting governmental efficiency and providing governmental accountability. The people of Jefferson Parish should be proud of their Inspector General's Office which is the finest in Louisiana and one of the finest in the country.

I would again like to thank the Jefferson Parish Council for the opportunity to serve. If I can be help to my successor please have him or her contact me and I'll give what assistance I can.

Very Truly Yours,
John E. Benz

From: Duke McConnell <dukemcconnell@gmail.com>

Date: January 22, 2026 at 4:21:15 PM CST

To: cleesheng@jeffparish.gov

Subject: Quality assurance review committee of the inspector generals office

As you know, I am your representative on the above named committee.

It has been a honor and privilege to serve on this committee for the past seven years, however I am submitting my resignation from the committee at this time to do some other things.

Sent from my iPhone

Also, it has been a pleasure to work with the other members of the committee, John Benz and Jim Letten whose vast experience and knowledge made it possible for the committee to do its job.

I also want to thank the inspector generals and their staff who were very cooperative and helpful to the committee.

If I can be of any help to my successor on the committee, feel free to have them contact me.

I want to thank you again for allowing me to serve the parish,

Sincerely

Duke McConnell



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Raines Chatelain".

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