



Jefferson Parish Office
of Inspector General

2026 SEPTEMBER REPORT



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This report is provided in connection with the Ethics and Compliance Commission meeting of 09/16/2026. It provides an overview of operations of JPOIG from 07/28/2026 through 09/14/2026.

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 3rd Quarter Budget to Actual report will be available for the November 18, 2026 Ethics & Compliance Commission Meeting.

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:

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Staff Recruitment

The JPOIG has posted the advertisement for the Deputy Inspector General – Audit position on jpoig.net and various other employment sites as well as shared with professional organizations since the beginning of May 2026.

C. Procurement

JPOIG Website Redevelopment

The JPOIG 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 began in the beginning of June. Regular website design and layout meetings are occurring between the JPOIG and CivicPlus. The JPOIG website is anticipated to go live in December 2026.

D. Compliance

2027 Annual Work Plan

On 09/01/2026, the JPOIG publicly issued its 2027 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 2027 Annual Work Plan, which can be found on JPOIG website (https://www.jpoig.net/images/2027_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.

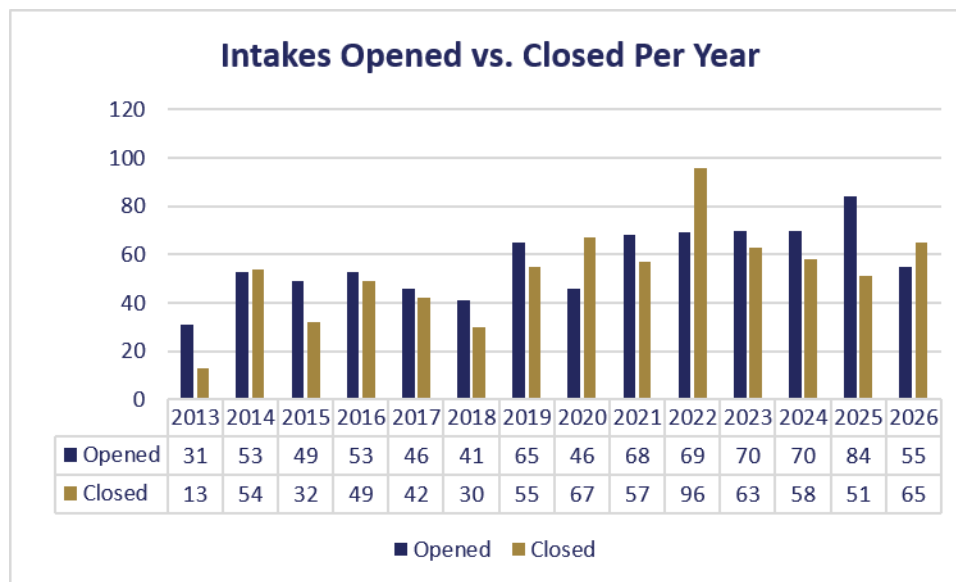
The timely issuance of the 2027 Work Plan reflects JPOIG's continuing compliance with its legal obligations and ensures the Ethics & Compliance Commission, Parish officials, and the public are apprised of the office's priorities for the coming year.

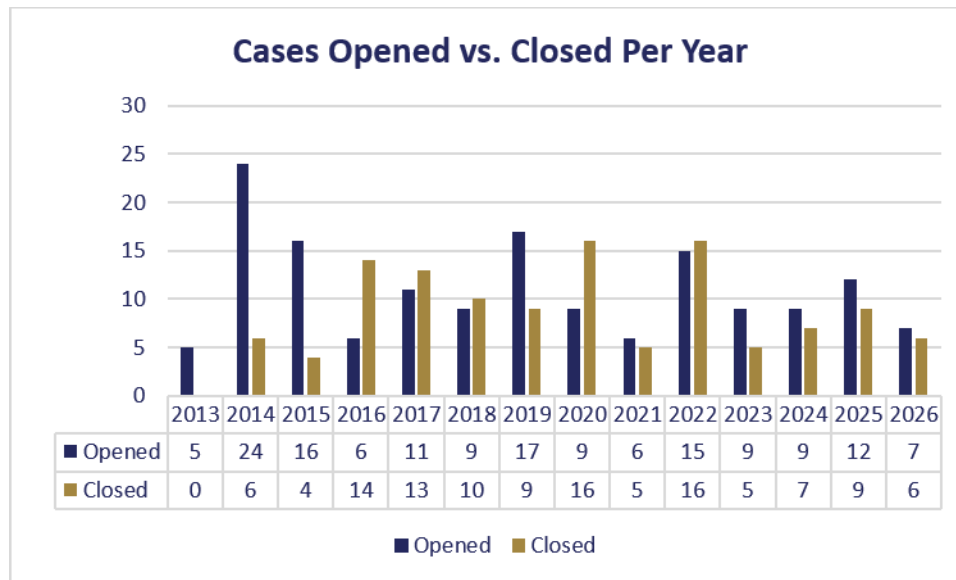
Peer Review

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.

Milestones

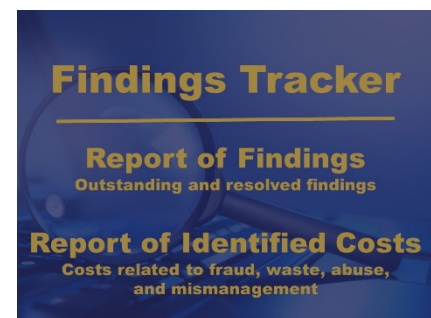
Since 2013, the office has pursued matters that bear on core principles of transparency, accountability, ethics, and integrity in government.



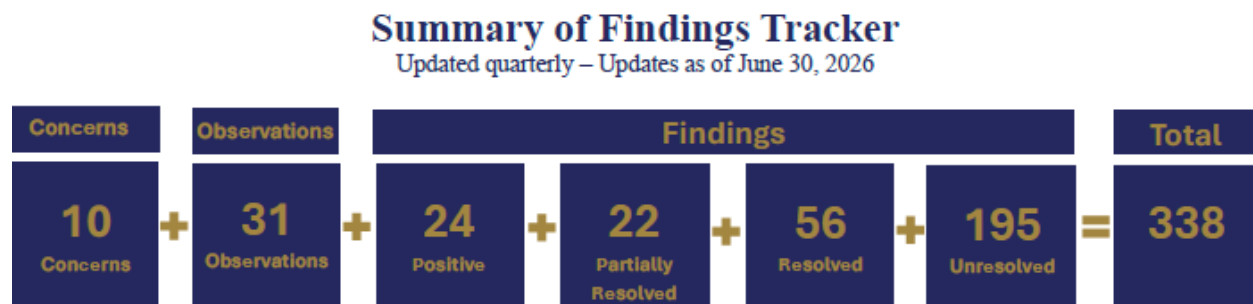


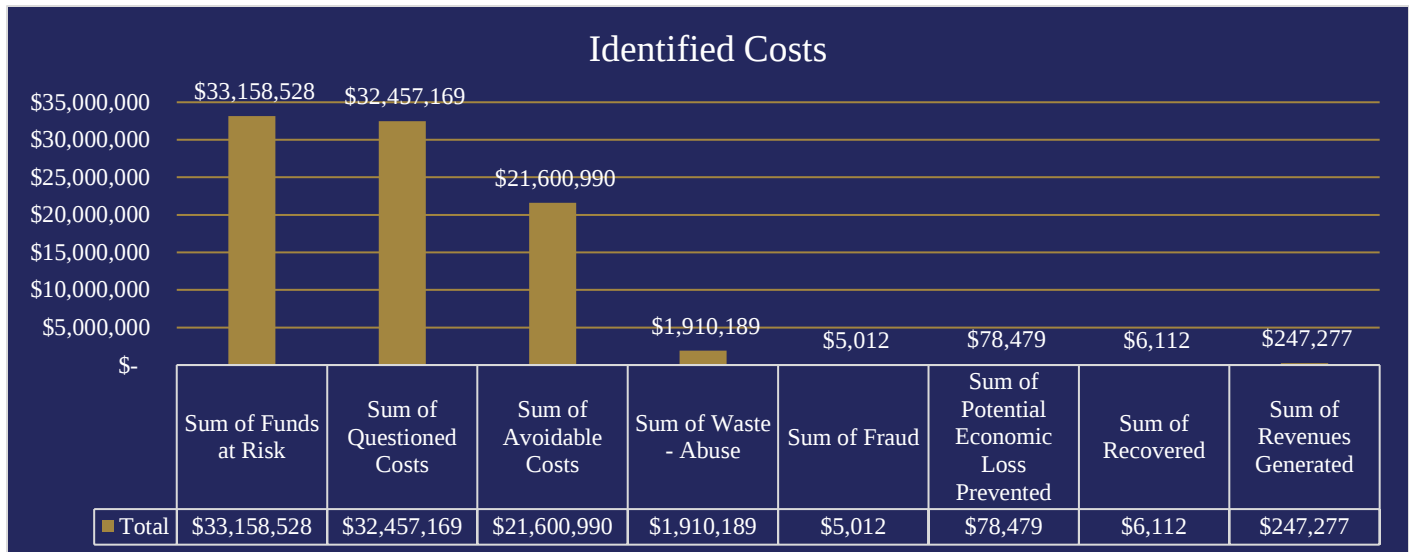
During this same time, the JPOIG has reached numerous findings and made recommendations for corrective action. A report of these findings and related costs can be found on the JPOIG website.

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



As of the end of 2nd Quarter, the JPOIG had reached a total of **338 findings, concerns, and observations of which 195 findings remain unresolved.**





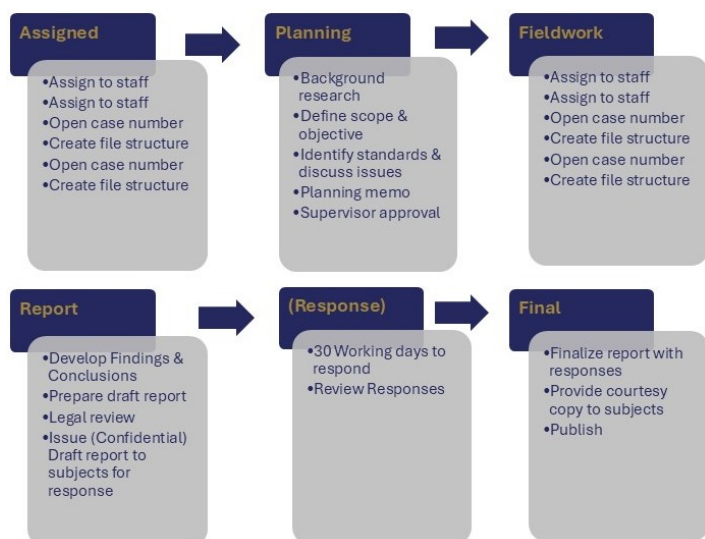
Cases

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

07/28/2026 through 09/14/2026			
Cases Opened	Open Date	Cases Closed	Close Date
-	-	2021-000000037	9/14/2026
		2026-000000005	9/14/2026

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	Report/Review	Jefferson Facilities Inc. Source & Use of Funds	85%
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

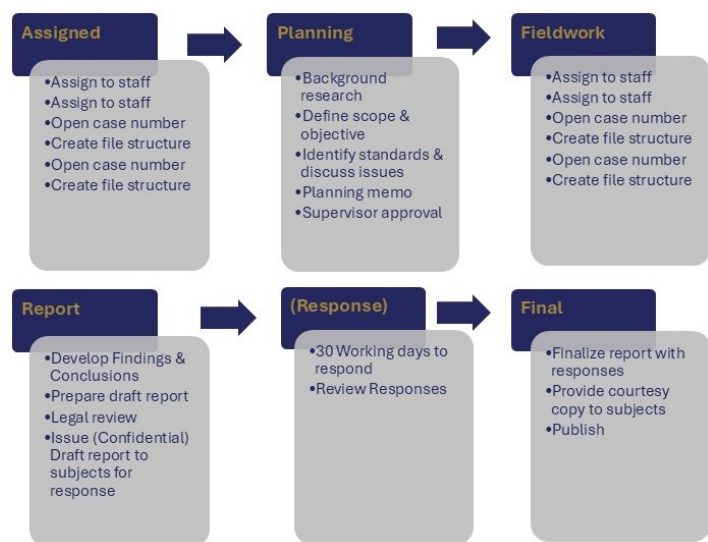
An audit to determine if the Parish is receiving the services as required under the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements.

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
Jul 27, 2025	2025-000000007	Report/Review	East Bank Consolidated Fire Department Secondary Employment	85%
Nov 3, 2025	2025-000000009	Planning Approval	Review of Transaction for Renovation and Lease of 519 Huey P. Long	35%
Nov 3, 2025	2025-000000010	Planning	Review of Parish Capital Project Process for Multi-Use Development	30%

Summary of Evaluation Objectives

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.

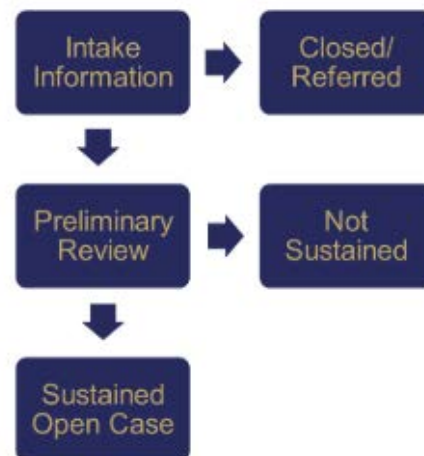
Review of Parish Capital Project Process for Multi-Use Development 2025-000000010

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.



07/28/2026 through 09/14/2026			
Intakes Opened	Complaint Date	Intakes Closed	Close Date
2026-000000051	8/4/2026	2025-000000044	8/5/2026
2026-000000052	8/11/2026	2026-000000015	8/5/2026
2026-000000053	8/13/2026	2026-000000018	9/14/2026
2026-000000054	9/9/2026	2026-000000035	9/14/2026
2026-000000055	9/9/2026	2026-000000043	9/14/2026
2026-000000056	9/10/2026	2026-000000044	8/5/2026
		2026-000000046	9/14/2026
		2026-000000047	9/14/2026

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: 09/15/2026	
Open Intakes:	68
Open Cases:	27

Referrals

The JPOIG made 0 referrals from 07/28/2026 through 09/14/2026.

Referrals made from 07/28/2026 through 09/14/2026	
Ethics and Compliance Commission:	0
State Ethics Board:	0
Enforcement Agencies:	0
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%

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:

- Evaluation 2023-0009: Evaluation of Third-Party Inspections was released publicly on 08/04/2026.

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

Public Outreach and Engagement

Social Media Platform		Engagement
	Facebook 1,029 Followers	• Gained 30 followers. • 13 Posts/Re-posts. • Reached 15,006 viewers across app posts. • Page Visits: 950.
	Instagram 127 Followers	• Gained 15 followers. • 9 Posts/Re-posts. • Reached 527 viewers across app posts. • Profile Visits: 27.
	X 182 Followers	• Lost 1 follower. • 8 Tweets/Re-tweets.
	Linked-In 392 Followers	• Gained 10 followers. • 9 Posts/Re-posts. • 3,434 Post Impressions.

During the period from 07/28/2026 through 09/14/2026, JPOIG staff attended the following civic group meetings:

- Pelican Pachyderm Club (08/25/2026)
- Waggaman Civic Association (09/02/2026)

The Inspector General was invited and spoke before the Pelican Pachyderm Club on 08/25/2026.

On 07/13/2026, the JPOIG resumed participation in Jefferson Parish's New Employee Orientations after several years of absence following the COVID-19 pandemic. During the presentations, the JPOIG provides newly hired Parish employees with an overview of the Office's mission, jurisdiction, and responsibilities, emphasizing its role in promoting integrity, accountability, transparency, and efficiency in Parish government. The JPOIG also educates employees on how to report fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct, reinforcing the Office's commitment to prevention and encouraging employees to serve as partners in safeguarding public resources. The JPOIG is now regularly participating in each twice-monthly orientation session, providing all new Parish employees with an introduction to the Office and its services.



JPOIG In the News...

[Jefferson Parish inspector general reports lack of oversight in building permits department | wdsu](#) – 08/04/2026

[Jefferson Parish overlooked problems with third-party building inspections: report | wwltv](#) – 08/04/2026

[Jefferson Parish accepting building reports from unregistered inspectors, Inspector General finds | Fox 8](#) – 08/04/2026

[Jefferson Parish IG says permits department failed to properly oversee third-party inspections | nola.com](#) – 08/04/2026

[Jefferson Parish getting shoddy reports from uncertified third-party inspectors, Inspector General says | Fox 8](#) – 08/04/2026

[OIGs in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish release plans for next fiscal year | Fox 8](#) – 09/01/2026

[Jefferson Parish's inspector general identifies top risk areas and audits planned for 2027 | wdsu](#) – 09/01/2026

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"Report Waste, Fraud, or Abuse"

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Call our tip line at (504) 528-4444

BY MAIL:

990 N. Corporate Drive, Suite 300
Jefferson, LA 70123

IN PERSON:

Contact us at (504) 736-8962 to schedule an appointment

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