

**Jefferson Parish Office** of Inspector General

2025 MAY REPORT

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This report is provided in connection with the Ethics and Compliance Commission meeting of May 21, 2025. It provides an overview of operations of JPOIG from March 19, 2025, through May 21, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget to Actual report showing revenue and expenses related to JPOIG operations is attached.

## 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.

Special Agent Brit Majure, CIGI, and Data Analyst/IT Support Ken Mahrle were timely evaluated, and each received an annual raise in accordance with JPOIG policies and procedures.



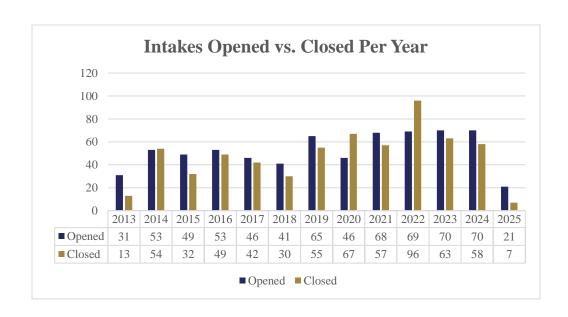
## C. Compliance

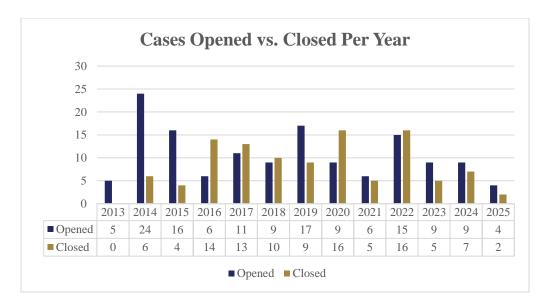
Every year, the JPOIG's final published reports from the preceding year are reviewed by the Quality Assurance Review Committee (QAR).

The QAR has provided a draft of its 2024 report for a response, and a response was provided. The report is expected to be finalized by end of May.

#### **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 308 findings, and 202 remain unresolved.



## **Summary of Findings Tracker**

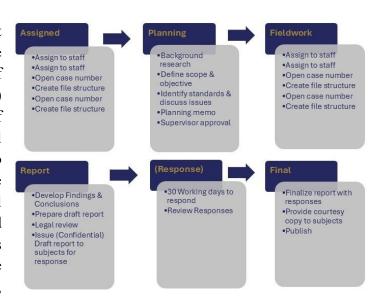
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## **Audits**

The JPOIG initiates and conducts audit in compliance with activity Principles and Standards for Offices of Inspectors General (Green promulgated by the Association of Inspectors General. These standards call upon the office to adopt one of two national standards: (1) Standards for the **Practice Professional** 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	Data Group	Case Status	Summary	% Complete
Sep 5, 2023	2023-000000006	Audits	Final Report	Eastbank Consolidated Fire Department Audit	100%
Feb 19, 2024	2024-000000002	Audits	Fieldwork	ldwork LCMC Cooperative Endeavor Agreement	
Sep 30, 2024	2024-000000007	Audits	Assigned	Jefferson Facilities Inc. Source & Use of Funds	5%
Sep 30, 2024	2024-000000008	Audits	Assigned	Jefferson Redevelopment, Inc. Source & Use of Funds	5%
Feb 26, 2025	2025-000000002	Audits	Assigned	Parish Use of LCMC Hospital Lease Proceeds	5%

## **Summary of Audit Objectives**

#### East Bank Consolidated Fire Department Sick Leave

2023-00000006

An audit to examine the nature and extent of sick leave usage to determine if it is used appropriately and taken in accordance with laws and regulations.

#### Hospital Svr. District No. 1, LCMC Cooperative Endeavor Agreement 2024-00000002

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**

2024-00000007

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

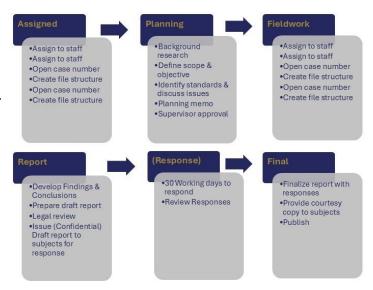
#### Jefferson Redevelopment, Inc.

2024-00000008

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

## **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** 

C	ase Open Date	Case ID	Data Group	Case Status	Summary	% Complete
	Jun 27, 2022	2022-000000020	Evaluations	ons Fieldwork Personnel Hiring Practices Evaluation.		65%
	Oct 18, 2023	2023-000000009	Evaluations	s Fieldwork Third-Party Inspections Evaluation		65%
	Feb 6, 2025	2025-000000001	Evaluations	Final Report Review of Lease Transactions for Mult Development		100%

**Summary of Evaluation Objectives** 

## **Personnel-Hiring Practices**

2022-00000020

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

2023-00000009

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

# **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.

03/17/2025 through 05/18/2025							
<b>Intakes Opened</b>	<b>Complaint Date</b>		<b>Intakes Closed</b>	Close Date			
2025-000000005	3/18/2025		2024-000000037	3/21/2025			
2025-000000006	3/20/2025		2025-000000015	5/5/2025			
2025-000000007	3/20/2025		2025-000000018	5/5/2025			
2025-000000008	3/20/2025						
2025-000000009	3/19/2025						
2025-000000010	3/22/2025						
2025-000000011	3/27/2025						
2025-000000012	4/2/2025						
2025-000000013	4/3/2025						
2025-000000014	4/3/2025						
2025-000000015	4/4/2025						
2025-000000016	3/31/2025						
2025-000000017	4/28/2025						
2025-000000018	4/30/2025						
2025-000000019	5/6/2025						
2025-000000020	5/7/2025						
2025-000000021	5/14/2025						

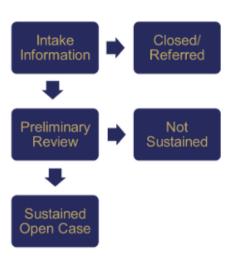
#### Cases

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.

The JPOIG issued a draft report of JPOIG 2024-0006, Misue of Parish Time and Parish Property.

03/17/2025 through 05/18/2025							
Cases Opened Open Date Cases Closed Close Date							
2025-000000004	3/20/2025		2024-000000003	3/21/2025			

Investigations as of:	05/18/2025
Open Intakes:	59
Open Cases:	23



#### Referrals

The JPOIG made 3 referrals from 03/17/2025 through 05/18/2025.

Referrals made from 03/17/2025 through 05/18/2025					
Ethics and Compliance Commission:					
State Ethics Board:					
Enforcement Agencies:					
Parish Departments:	0				

# **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 reoccurrence. 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 next report scheduled to be published is JPOIG 2025-0001, Review of lease transaction for Mult-Use Development. Next, we will publish JPOIG 2024-0006, Misuse of Parish Time and Parish Property. JPOIG expects to publish these in June-July depending upon receipt of responses.

# **Public Outreach and Engagement**

Social Med	lia Platform	Engagement			
Facebook 851 Followers		<ul> <li>Gained 6 followers.</li> <li>3 Posts/Re-posts.</li> <li>Reached 1,742 viewers across app posts.</li> <li>Page Visits: 399.</li> </ul>			
O	<b>Instagram</b> 78 Followers	<ul> <li>Gained 3 followers.</li> <li>2 Posts/Re-posts.</li> <li>Reached 77 viewers across app posts.</li> <li>Page Visits: 9.</li> </ul>			
	<b>X</b> 176 Followers	<ul><li> Gained 2 followers.</li><li> 3 Tweets/Re-tweets.</li></ul>			
in	<b>Linked-In</b> 343 Followers	<ul><li> Gained 7 followers.</li><li> 3 Posts/Re-posts.</li><li> 685 Post Impressions.</li></ul>			

First Quarter 2025 JPOIG BUDGET- Department 3562 - Office of Inspector General								
Class	Account#	Account Desc	2025 Amended Budget	2025 First Quarter YTD	% Used	2025 Amended Budget less YTD expense balance		
69 - PerSer/Bf	7011	ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES	1,061,808.00	231,314.32	22%	830,493.68		
69 - PerSer/Bf	7011.3	ADMINISTRATIVE COMP	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00		
69 - PerSer/Bf	7031	ACC LEAVE	0.00	18,910.99	0 70	(18,910.99)		
69 - PerSer/Bf	7033	EXPENSE ALLOWANCES	51,330.00	10,695.00	21%	40,635.00		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7110.1	MEDICARE	15,429.00	3,672.08	24%	11,756.92		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7110.1	FICA	4,184.00	72.59	2%	4,111.41		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7121.1	J P EMPLOYEES' RETIRE SYS	2,234.00	601.23	27%	1,632.77		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7122.1	PAROCHIAL EMPLOYEES' RET	104,226.00	23,030.22	22%	81,195.78		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7131.1	HEALTH-CURRENT EMPLOYEES	76,401.00	16,712.64	22%	59,688.36		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7131.1	LIFE-CURRENT EMPLOYEES	1,617.00	333.64	21%	1,283.36		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7133	PENSION FACTOR	2,260.00	522.13	23%	1,737.87		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7134	POST EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	15,530.00	0.00	0%	15,530.00		
		EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	273.00	79.80	29%	193.20		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7136	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7140	WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	0.00		0%	0.00		
70 - PerSer/Bf	7150		220.00	0.00				
70 - PerSer/Bf	7161	TENURE PAYMENTS		0.00	0%	220.00		
71 - PerSer/Oth	7022	CONTRACT PERSONNEL	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00		
71 - PerSer/Oth	7163.1	PHYSICALS	150.00	0.00	0%	150.00		
71 - PerSer/Oth	7163.2	DRUG TESTS	150.00	0.00	0%	150.00		
72 - Supplies	7210	OFFICE SUPPLIES	5,000.00	216.47	4%	4,783.53		
72 - Supplies	7211	POSTAGE	500.00	134.94	27%	365.06		
72 - Supplies	7212	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	20,000.00	4,415.92	22%	15,584.08		
72 - Supplies	7214.1	PC SOFTWARE	3,500.00	1,091.40	31%	2,408.60		
72 - Supplies	7214.2	COMP ACCESSORIES	1,500.00	0.00	0%	1,500.00		
73 - Prof/Tech	7311	INDIRECT COSTS	19,563.00	4,893.00	25%	14,670.00		
73 - Prof/Tech	7312.1	ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	796.00	220.00	28%	576.00		
73 - Prof/Tech	7312.2	SHERIFF'S OFFICE	789.00	213.00	27%	576.00		
74 - Prof/Tech	7321	ATTORNEYS FEES	140,000.00	24,692.50	18%	115,307.50		
73 - Prof/Tech	7331	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	65,000.00	17,023.18	26%	47,976.82		
73 - Prof/Tech	7332.1	COMPUTER SERVICE	17,507.00	4,771.00	27%	12,736.00		
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	1,551.56	31%	3,448.44		
75 - Other Serv	7512.4	CENTRAL TELEPHONE SERVICE	587.00	197.00	34%	390.00		
75 - Other Serv	7513	DATA LINES	1,000.00	240.06	24%	759.94		
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	8,255.00	55%	6,745.00		
75 - Other Serv	7540	ADVERTISING	1,000.00	0.00	0%	1,000.00		
75 - Other Serv	7551	CENTRAL PRINTING CHARGE	250.00	0.00	0%	250.00		
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	480.00	2%	19,520.00		
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		
		L Office of Inspector General	1,774,304.00	399,011.67	23%	1,375,292.33		

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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:

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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