



117 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Council Chamber, 1st Floor, City Hall

**Special Committee on
Duval DOGE
November 18, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: Committee Members Salem (Chair), Diamond, Miller and Gay

Also: Brian Parks and Kim Taylor, Auditor's Office; Mary Staffopoulos, OGC; Colleen Hampsey, Council Research

Meeting convened: 11:00 am

Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Salem convened the meeting and called for introductions.

Public Comment

Mr. Nooney spoke about waterways tourism.

Update on the Bailey Group – City Group Health Plan Review

CM Salem said that there are agreement documents currently awaiting the council president's signature, after which reports will be received from the Bailey Group.

2% Lapse Update

There was discussion about the required 2% departmental lapse that saved roughly \$5.8 million city-wide. The Inspector General's Office is the first to request the return of their lapsed funds (\$27,780). Mr. Lascell, Inspector General, talked about the role and duties of his office. Ms. Taylor, Council Auditor, reviewed the IG's budget handout. She said that there are no current vacancies and she noted that without the return of funds the office will be forced to delay or reduce the number of annual audits and investigations. Such delays/reductions could diminish oversight capabilities. CM Diamond expressed his support for the IG's office and the return of the lapsed funds. CM Miller agreed. CM Salem said the IG should let the committee know if additional funding is needed mid fiscal year.

Motion/2nd (Diamond/Miller) to restore the lapsed funding for the Inspector General's Office. Approved unanimously.

CM Diamond asked whether the IG and the Ethics Office could be considered redundant. Mr. Lascell said their duties are clearly delineated in the Charter, but they do collaborate frequently on issues of shared concern. Ms. Staffopoulos, OGC, said that restoration legislation will be drafted to be introduced with normal (non-emergency) passage.

Report on Telehealth - CM Diamond

CM Diamond presented a handout with his questions and document requests for various entities, including the Mayor's Office, Telescope Health, Emergency Resources Group, UF Health and RightSite Health. He said that if the DOGE Committee approves the questions, the answers will be expected by December 3. The committee talked about each set of questions and requested documents. CM Salem said that for the inquiry for Telescope Health, he wants to know more about how the client insured status is identified, more about the source of referrals to 911 and safety net clinics, and more about the methodology by which the amount was calculated to show how much the City saves by using telehealth

to prevent ER visits (reportedly about \$11 million). The committee talked about the document request to the Emergency Resources Group, to further identify any incentives to refer patients to particular locations. CM Salem asked to request the number of 911 calls that are non-ambulatory and how many of those patients are insured, and it was decided to also request telephone call logs from the Administration and Telescope Health. The committee also agreed to request more information about JFRD's referral process for telehealth services. CM Diamond said that if the committee discovers anything untoward, it will be referred to an investigatory body.

Motion/2nd (Diamond/Miller) move to approve the list of requested documents and interrogatories.
Approved unanimously.

Chair Salem adjourned the meeting at 11:52 am.
The next DOGE meeting will be December 2, 2025.

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