

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
ETHICS COMMISSION OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT
Courtroom No. 18, 2nd Floor, Wyandotte County Courthouse
710 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101**

April 6, 2017

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call

E Chairperson Mr. George Kemper

X Member Anthony Villegas

X Member Jerry Fiscus

X Member David Duckers

E Member Chiquita Wilson

X Ruth Benien, Administrator

X (Present) E (Excused)

U (Unexcused)

Call to Order:

Acting Chairperson Anthony Villegas called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Commissioners Fiscus and Duckers were present. Commissioners Wilson and Villegas were absent but excused. Administrator Benien was present.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present for comment.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:

The proposed Minutes of the February 2, 2017 and March 9, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Duckers moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Fiscus with respect to the February 2, 2017 minutes. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Fiscus moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Duckers with respect to the March 9, 2017 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A UG continuing ethics is scheduled for April 26, 2017 at the Health Department. A UG Basic Ethics training is scheduled for June 8, 2017 and a UG Continuing Ethics training is scheduled for June 13, 2017. A UG Basic Ethics training session is scheduled for September 14, 2017 and December 7, 2017.

One new complaint was received by hotline call. Nine complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Five complaints were closed, four for no jurisdiction, one for lack of response. Seventeen advisory opinion requests are pending as of April 1, 2017. Four requests were closed, one with a written email advisory opinion provided, one with no formal opinion requested, two with no additional information provided. Three new email requests for an advisory opinion were received.

The one request for ethics presentation or training for a handicapped employee has been referred to Human Resources.

A presentation for the KU graduate class in public administration is scheduled for the Regents Center on April 4, 2017.

New Business:

No new business was presented.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Fiscus

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Next Meeting is May 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator