

**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**

August 11, 2016

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 4:10 p.m. Commissioners Fiscus and Duckers were present. Commissioners Kemper and Wilson 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 July 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes. Commissioner Duckers moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Fiscus. Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

The Continuing Ethics training scheduled for June 9, 2016 at Human Resources was cancelled due to lack of sign up. A Basic Ethics Training session was held on June 22, 2016. Additional Basic Ethics Training sessions are scheduled for September 15, 2016 and December 7, 2016 at Human Resources. A new Human Resources trainer Rebecca Haymes has been appointed and has taken over coordination of training.

Two new complaints were received one by email and the other by hotline. Twenty complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Three complaints were closed for lack of jurisdiction. One complaint was closed with a violation found and action taken by virtue of contact with candidate and political memorandum distributed. Twenty two advisory opinion requests are pending as of August 1, 2016. Two new requests for advisory opinion were received by email. Three advisory opinions were provided.

One request for ethics presentation or training for a handicapped employee is pending awaiting appointment of new UG Human Resources Training employee. The new Human Resources Training person will be asked to schedule such training.

New Business:

All UG Ethics Administrators have now completed training. The new UG Ethics Commissioners are still asked to review the biographical information posted on the UG Ethics website that was taken from the press release and advise of any changes or corrections to the same.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Fiscus

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Next Meeting is September 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator