

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

**August 3, 2017**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Roll Call:** Chairperson Mr. Jerry Fiscus

- X Member Jerry Fiscus
- X Member David Duckers
- E Member John J. Bukaty, Jr.
- X Member Linda Brown
- X Member Dachia Busch
- X Ruth Benien, Administrator

X (Present) E (Excused)  
U (Unexcused)

**Call to Order:**

Newly appointed Chairperson Jerry Fiscus called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Commissioners Duckers, Brown and Busch were present. Commissioner Bukaty was absent but excused. Administrator Benien was present.

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

**Swearing In:** Wyandotte County District Court Judge William Mahoney administered the Oath of Office to the two new UG Ethics Commissioners present Linda Brown and Dachia Busch. Oaths were signed and photographs taken for the website.

**Old Business:**

**a). Approval of Minutes:**

The proposed Minutes of the July 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Duckers moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

**b). Monthly Administrator's Report:**

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from July 1, 2017 through July 30, 2017 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A UG Basic Ethics training session is scheduled for September 14, 2017 and December 7, 2017. A UG Basic Ethics training session was held on June 23, 2017 for the new police academy cadets. Continuing Ethics training presentations by video have and are being provided by the Human Resources department for the police and fire department and were also used for a section of the sheriff's department..

Five new email complaints were received. Three new hotline complaints were received. One verbal complaint was received. One mail complaint was received. Thirteen complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Fourteen complaints were closed, eleven for no jurisdiction, two for no violation and one with a violation corrected. Nine advisory opinion requests are pending as of August 1, 2017. One new request for an advisory opinion was received. Two requests were closed out for lack of requested information. One advisory opinion was provided.

**New Business:**

No new business was presented other the swearing in of the new commissioners.

**Executive Session:**

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Next Meeting is September 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien  
UG Ethics Administrator