

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

December 7, 2017

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

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

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

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jerry Fiscus called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Commissioners Duckers, Brown and Bukaty were present. Commissioner Busch was absent but excused. Administrator Benien was present.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:

The proposed Minutes of the November 2, 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 November 1, 2017 through November 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 was held on September 14, 2017 and one is scheduled for December 7, 2017. A Continuing Ethics training session was held on November 8, 2017 at the Fleet Center and one was held October 24, 2017 at the Health Department. 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. Basic Ethics training for the new UG Ethics Administrators was provided after the October 5, 2017 meeting.

Four new email complaints were received. Four complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Eight complaints were closed, Four for no jurisdiction or previously resolved, four with violation but appropriately corrected. Five advisory opinion requests are pending as of December 1, 2017. No new requests for advisory opinion were received. Five requests were closed with advisory opinion provided or insufficient information provided.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Bukaty

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Meeting is January 4, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator