

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 13, 2018

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

- X Member Jerry Fiscus
- X Member David Duckers
- X 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:

Chairperson Fiscus called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Commissioners Duckers, Bukaty, Brown and Busch were in attendance. 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 8, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Brown moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Bukaty. The Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided the monthly report for the time period from November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 which outlined the training provided in that month and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

Continuing Ethics training presentations by video have and are being provided by the Human Resources department for the police and fire department and are also used for a section of the sheriff's department and water treatment plant due to the shifts in each department. Basic training scheduled for September 10, 2018 for the Planning and Zoning was held on November 13, 2018. Basic Ethics training was held on September 18, 2018 and is scheduled for December 13, 2018 at HR. First quarter Continuing Ethics is scheduled for February 13, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Health Department and March 25, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Human Resources. Police Academy training is scheduled for January 17, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Policy Academy.

Two written new anonymous complaints were received on November 26, 2018. Four complaints are pending awaiting additional information, referral or review. Five complaints were closed one based on no violation found, three without additional information provided and one with a violation but appropriate action taken on referral. Five advisory opinion requests were pending as of November 30, 2018. One new email requests for advisory opinion or input was received by a UG Department. One new verbal request for an advisory opinion was received. Two requests for advisory opinion were closed, one for lack of additional information, the other as noted for inclusion in training purposes as it was anonymous.

New Business:

All Ethics Commissioners were again asked to review and make notes for changes or improvement to the UG Ethics Web Site for the next meeting.

Ethics Administrator Benien will try at each meeting to cover a limited provision of the UG Ethics Code to better help the UG Ethics Commissioners understand its provisions or answer questions they may have.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Next Meeting is January 10, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien_____

Ruth M. Benien

UG Ethics Administrator