

**APPROVED MEETING 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**

**February 4, 2016**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Roll Call**

E Chairperson Mr. George Kemper

X Member Anthony Villegas

E Member Jerry Fiscus

X Member David Duckers

X Member Chiquita Wilson

X Ruth Benien, Administrator

X (Present) E (Excused)

U (Unexcused)

**Call to Order:**

Temporary Chairperson Tony Villegas called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Commissioners Wilson and Duckers were present. Commissioners Kemper and Fiscus 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 December, 2015 meeting and January, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes. Commissioner Duckers moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Villegas. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from November 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A Basic Ethics training was provided for UG employees on December 9, 2015 at the Human Resources Department. A police academy basic training was provided on December 16, 2015. A UG Ethics training is scheduled for February 10, 2016 at NRC. A UG Basic Ethics training is scheduled for March 8, 2016 at Human Resources. New UG Ethics Commissioners may try to attend the same. If not a special session will be scheduled for them. A Continuing Ethics training is scheduled for March 16, 2016 at Human Resources.

Four new complaints were received. Ten complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Two complaints were closed with finding of lack of jurisdiction or insufficient information. Twenty five advisory opinion requests are pending as of the February 1, 2016. Eleven new email advisory opinions were requested as of February 1, 2015. Eleven advisory opinions were provided.

One request for ethics presentation or training for a handicapped employee is pending. A request for dates for UG Ethics Commissioner Continuing Ethics training is pending.

**New Business:**

Training for the new UG Ethics Commissioners will be held or scheduled or they are to attend one of the Basic Ethics classes for which dates were provided. The UG Ethics website has been updated with meeting minutes and agendas posted. The new UG Ethics Commissioners are still asked to review the biographical information posted 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 Wilson

Seconded by Commissioner Villegas

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Next Meeting is March 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien  
UG Ethics Administrator