

**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**

February 2, 2017

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call

X Chairperson Mr. George Kemper

E 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:

Chairperson George Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Commissioners Fiscus and Duckers were present. Commissioners Wilson and Villegas 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 January 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. 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 February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A Basic Ethics Training was held on December 7, 2016 at Human Resources. A Basic Ethics Class was held for the Police Academy on January 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. A Continuing Ethics class was to be held for the Sheriff's Department-Juvenile Department on January 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the jail. That session was cancelled. A UG continuing ethics session was presented on January 19, 2017 at the Human Resources Center. A continuing Ethics training was provided at the Fleet Center on February 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Five new complaints were received. Three by hotline and two by email. Nine complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Five complaints were closed, three for no violation, one for conflict of interest, one for no jurisdiction. Sixteen advisory opinion requests are pending as of March 1, 2017. Five requests were closed with a written or verbal advisory opinion were provided. No new email requests for an advisory opinion were received.

One request for ethics presentation or training for a handicapped employee is pending awaiting appointment of new UG Human Resources Training employee. The Human Resources department has been advised of the same and has been asked to schedule such training through use of the online training.

New Business:

No new business was presented.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Fiscus

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Next Meeting is March 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator