

**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**

January 5, 2017

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call

E Chairperson Mr. George Kemper

E Member Anthony Villegas

X 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 Chiquita Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Commissioners Fiscus and Duckers were present. Commissioners Kemper 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 December 1, 2016 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 December 1, 2016 through December 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 held on December 7, 2016 at Human Resources. A Basic Ethics Class is scheduled for the Police Academy on January 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. A Continuing Ethics class is scheduled for the Sheriff's Department-Juvenile Department on January 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the jail.

One new complaint was received by hotline. Ten complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Eleven complaints were closed, three with no or insufficient information provided; one with no violation found; and seven with no jurisdiction. Seventeen advisory opinion requests are pending as of January 1, 2016. Five requests were closed with no or insufficient information provided to proceed; one with a meeting held and one with advisory opinion provided. Two 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 will be 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 4:27 p.m.

Next Meeting is February 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator