

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

January 4, 2018

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

- X Member Jerry Fiscus
- X Member David Duckers
- E 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 Jerry Fiscus called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m. Commissioners Duckers, Brown and Busch were present. Commissioner Bukaty 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 December 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Brown moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Duckers. Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from December 1, 2017 through December 31, 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 was held on 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. Basic ethics training for the new UG Mayor and UG Commissioner is scheduled for January 12, 2018.

One new email complaint was received and two hotline complaints were received. Seven complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Seven advisory opinion requests are pending as of December 31, 2017. One verbal request for an advisory opinion was received. Three new requests for advisory opinion were received. Two advisory opinions were provided and a meeting scheduled regarding a third. Three 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 Brown

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Next Meeting is February 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien _____
Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator