

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 10, 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 Fiscus called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Commissioners Duckers, 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 December 13, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Brown moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Duckers. The Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided the monthly report for the time period from December 1, 2018 through December, 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 Ethics training was held on December 6, 2018 at the HR Department training room. Continuing Ethics training was held at the HR Department on December 11, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 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.

One new hotline complaint was received on December 16, 2018. Four complaints are pending awaiting additional information, referral or review. Three complaints were closed, two based on lack of jurisdiction and referral and one with a violation but appropriate action taken. Six advisory opinion requests were pending as of December 31, 2018. One new telephone request for advisory opinion or input was received by a UG elected official. One request for advisory opinion was provided finding no violation re: proposed solicitation.

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.

A question was raised as to the terms of office for two Ethics Commissioners and the date of their expiration. Administrator Benien is to check on the same and report back.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Next Meeting is February 14, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien_____

Ruth M. Benien

UG Ethics Administrator