

**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**

July 7, 2016

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 4:10 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 June 2, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes. 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 June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

Commissioner Duckers was not able to attend the basic training scheduled for June 22, 2016, but did obtain and review the Continuing Education video and was instructed to read through the UG Ethics Code and its definitions which is the other part of the Basic Training Class and then confer with Administrator Benien if any questions. The Continuing Ethics training scheduled for June 9, 2016 at Human Resources was cancelled due to lack of sign up. A Basic Ethics Training session was held on June 22, 2016. Additional Basic Ethics Training sessions are scheduled for September 15, 2016 and December 7, 2016 at Human Resources. A new Human Resources Training Coordinator is to be appointed soon.

Four new complaints were received by email. Twenty one complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Three complaints were closed for lack of jurisdiction. Four complaints were closed by virtue of a formal advisory opinion being provided on the same topic. One complaint was closed with no violation found. Twenty four advisory opinion requests are pending as of August 1, 2016. Two new requests for advisory opinion were received by email. Nine new advisory opinions were provided.

One request for ethics presentation or training for a handicapped employee is pending awaiting appointment of new UG Human Resources Training employee.

New Business:

All UG Ethics Administrators have now completed training. The new UG Ethics Commissioners are still asked to review the biographical information posted on the UG Ethics website 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 Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Fiscus

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next Meeting is August 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien_____

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator