

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

June 2, 2016

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call

X Chairperson Mr. George Kemper

X 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, Duckers and Villegas were present. Commissioner Wilson was 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 May, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes. Commissioner Fiscus 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 May 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A UG Basic Ethics training was held on March 8, 2016 at Human Resources. If Commissioner Duckers is not able to attend the next basic training scheduled for June 22, 2016, a special session will be scheduled. A Continuing Ethics training was held March 16, 2016 at Human Resources. A Continuing Ethics training is scheduled for June 9, 2016 at Human Resources. Basic Ethics training sessions are scheduled for June 22, 2016; September 15, 2016 and December 7, 2016 at Human Resources.

Three new complaints were received by email; one by hotline call. Twenty four complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Eight complaints were closed for lack of jurisdiction. Thirty advisory opinion requests are pending as of June 1, 2016. Three new requests for advisory opinion were received by email; one by telephone. Two 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:

Training was provided for two new UG Ethics Commissioners. A session for remaining UG Ethics Commissioner will be scheduled. The UG Ethics website has been updated with meeting minutes and agendas posted. The new UG Ethics Commissioners are still asked to review the biographical information posted 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 Wilson

Seconded by Commissioner Duckers

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Next Meeting is July 7, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator