

**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 1, 2017

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call: 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 4:10 p.m. Commissioners Villegas, Fiscus and Duckers 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 4, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Duckers moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Villegas. Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from May 1, 2017 through May 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 was held on March 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Health Department auditorium. A UG Continuing ethics session was held on April 26, 2017 at the Health Department. A UG Basic Ethics training session scheduled for June 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. was rescheduled to June 21, 2017. A UG Continuing Ethics training session is scheduled for June 13, 2017. A UG Basic Ethics training session is scheduled for September 14, 2017 and December 7, 2017. A UG Basic Ethics training session is scheduled for June 23, 2017 for the new police academy cadets. 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. An ethics presentation to a KU masters class was provided on April 5, 2017. A Basic Ethics training session is scheduled for June 5, 2017 for the newly created Advisory Commission on Human Relations and Disability at City Hall.

Two new email complaints were received. Three new hotline complaints were received. One written complaint. Twelve complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Two complaints were closed, one for no jurisdiction, one for lack of response, follow up or additional information. Twelve advisory opinion requests are pending as of June 1, 2017. Five requests were closed, three with a written email advisory opinion provided, one by phone and one because no additional information was provided. Four new requests for an advisory opinion were received, two by email, two by phone.

New Business:

No new business was presented other than discussion of the ongoing selection process for the open ethics commission positions and that the deadline for applications is June 14, 2017. Six individuals had applied as of June 1, 2017.

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 July 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator