

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

June 13, 2019

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

- X Member Jerry Fiscus
- X Member David Duckers
- X 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 4:00 p.m. Commissioners Duckers, Bukaty, 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 Minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Brown moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Bukaty. The Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided the monthly report for the time period from May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019 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. First quarter Continuing Ethics was held on February 13, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Health Department and on March 25, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Human Resources. Police Academy training was held January 17, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Policy Academy. Basic UG ethics training was held on March 13, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at HR. Fire Basic training was held from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2019. UG Continuing Ethics training was held on April 24, 2019. UG Continuing Ethics training is scheduled for June 12, 2019. UG Basic Ethics training is scheduled for June 20, 2019.

Four new email complaints were received. One new hotline complaint was received. Nine complaints are pending awaiting additional information, referral or review. Four complaints were closed due to lack of jurisdiction as not an ethics issue and referred. Three new email advisory opinions were requested. Five written advisory opinions were provided. Three advisory opinion requests were pending as of May 31, 2019. One new request for information was received.

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.

Publication has or is being made with respect to the two Ethics Commission positions that will be filled August 1, 2019. Interviews will be held in June, 2019.

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. The topic this month again dealt with discussion of political prohibited and permitted activity and use of UG resources.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Bukaty

Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Next Meeting is July 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien_____

Ruth M. Benien

UG Ethics Administrator