

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

May 10, 2018

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

- E 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:

Temporary Chairperson David Duckers called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Commissioners Duckers, Bukaty, Brown and Busch were present. Commissioner Fiscus was absent but excused. Administrator Benien was present.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:

The proposed Minutes of the April 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Bukaty moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Busch. Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided the monthly report for the time period from April 1, 2018 through April 30, 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.

One new hotline complaint was received in April and two new email complaints were received in early May prior to preparation of the report and included. Four complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Four complaints were closed for lack of information or finding of no jurisdiction. Seven advisory opinion requests were pending as of April 30, 2018. Two new requests for advisory opinion were received. Three requests for advisory opinions were closed with advisory opinion provided, no violation needing response or no formal request after initial inquiry found.

One outstanding Request for Information was responded to an closed regarding a request for information about the UG Ethics Code from a graduate student.

New Business:

Under new business discussion was held and decision made regarding the UG Ethics Web site to make a formal request to the UG IT department to give the UG Ethics Commission its own site or post. Motion made to do so by Commissioner Busch, second by Commissioner Bukaty. Motion passed unanimously. The Ethics Administrator will forward such request.

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 provided a limited training session regarding confidential information and advised she 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.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Brown

Seconded by Commissioner Bukaty

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Next Meeting is June 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien_____

Ruth M. Benien

UG Ethics Administrator