

**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**

November 3, 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 4:07 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 October 13, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes. 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 October 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A Basic Ethics Training session was presented on November 2, 2016 for the new sheriff's department recruits at the Jail Training facility. A Basic Ethics Training is scheduled for December 7, 2016 at Human Resources. A UG Ethics Continuing Education training was provided on November 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Resource Center.

Two new complaints were received one by hotline and one by email. Twenty two complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Three complaints were closed two with violation found and appropriate action taken, one for lack of jurisdiction or no violation. Twenty two advisory opinion requests are pending as of October 1, 2016. Ten advisory opinions were provided and closed. Nine new email requests and new email request for advisory opinion was received and one verbal verbal request was received.

One request for ethics presentation or training for a handicapped employee is pending awaiting appointment of new UG Human Resources Training employee. The new Human Resources Training person will be asked to schedule such training.

New Business:

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 Villegas

Seconded by Commissioner Fiscus

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Next Meeting is December 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien_____

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator