

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

November 8, 2018

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 4:06 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 proposed Minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Brown moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Duckers. The Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided the monthly report for the time period from October 1, 2018 through October 31, 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. Basic training scheduled for September 10, 2018 for the Planning and Zoning was rescheduled to November 13, 2018. Basic Ethics training was held on September 18, 2018 and is scheduled for December 13, 2018 at HR. A request was received from a training evaluation to provide a specialized training session on ethics for law enforcement. The same will be considered.

One new hotline complaint was received on October 2, 2018. A new email complaint was received on October 23, 2018. Seven complaints are pending awaiting additional information, referral or review. One complaint was closed based on referral and one based on no violation found. Four advisory opinion requests were pending as of October 31, 2018. One new request for advisory opinion was received. Two requests for advisory opinion were provided by email or verbally and closed, one for lack of additional information, the other as no violation found.

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.

Ethics Administrator Benien provided a limited training session regarding the process for handling review of "robo" calls. 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 or answer questions they may have.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Bukaty

Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Next Meeting is December 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien
Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator