

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

**October 5, 2017**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Roll Call:** Acting Chairperson Mr. Dave Duckers

- 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:**

Acting Chairperson David Duckers called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Commissioners Brown Busch and Bukaty were present. Commissioner Fiscus was absent but excused. Administrator Benien was present.

**Public Comment:** One member of the public was present for comment regarding the placement of political signage. The individual was allowed to make comment and responded to by the Ethics Commissioners and Administrator Benien.

**Old Business:**

- a). **Approval of Minutes:**

The proposed Minutes of the September 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Brown moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Bukaty. Motion passed unanimously.

**b). Monthly Administrator's Report:**

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from September 1, 2017 through September 30, 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 session was held on September 14, 2017 and one is scheduled for December 7, 2017. Continuing Ethics training sessions are scheduled for November 8, 2017 at the Fleet Center and one was held October 24, 2017 at the Health Department. 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. Basic Ethics training for the new UG Ethics Administrators was provided after the October 5, 2017 meeting.

Four new email complaints were received, three hotline calls and one email. Eleven complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Six complaints were closed, Four for no jurisdiction or no violation or previously resolved. Four new complaints were received, three from hotline and one email. Ten advisory opinion requests are pending as of October 1, 2017. Four new requests for an advisory opinion were received. Four by email. Four requests were closed; one with verbal opinion provided; three with email opinion.

**New Business:**

No new business was presented.

**Executive Session:**

No Executive Session was held.

**Adjournment:**

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Brown

Seconded by Commissioner Bukaty

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next Meeting is November 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien\_\_\_\_\_

Ruth M. Benien  
UG Ethics Administrator