

**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**

September 1, 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 4:02 p.m. Commissioners Fiscus and Duckers and Villegas 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 August 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes. Commissioner Duckers moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Fiscus. Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

Basic Ethics Training sessions are scheduled for September 15, 2016 and December 7, 2016 at Human Resources. A new Human Resources trainer Rebecca Haymes has been appointed and has taken over coordination of training.

Five new complaints were received by email and the four by hotline. Twenty complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Eight complaints were closed for lack of jurisdiction or mootness. One complaint was closed with a violation found and action taken by virtue of contact with candidate re: robo calls. Twenty two advisory opinion requests are pending as of September 1, 2016. Four advisory opinions were provided and closed. No new requests for advisory opinion were 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:

All UG Ethics Administrators have now completed training. 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 Duckers

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Next Meeting is October 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien_____

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator