

**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**

**September 7, 2017**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Roll Call:** Chairperson Mr. Jerry Fiscus

- X Member Jerry Fiscus
- E 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 Jerry Fiscus called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m. Commissioners Brown Busch and Bukaty were present. Commissioner Duckers was absent but excused. Administrator Benien was present.

**Public Comment:** No members of the public were present for comment.

**Swearing In:** Wyandotte County District Court Judge William Mahoney administered the Oath of Office to the new UG Ethics Commissioner John Bukaty. The Oath was signed.

**Old Business:**

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

The proposed Minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Brown moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Busch. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from August 1, 2017 through August 31, 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 is scheduled for September 14, 2017 and December 7, 2017. A UG Basic Ethics training session was held on June 23, 2017 for the new police academy cadets. 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.

Five new email complaints were received. Ten complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Ten complaints were closed, Six for no jurisdiction, two for no violation and two with a violation corrected. Nine advisory opinion requests are pending as of September 1, 2017. Four new requests for an advisory opinion were received. Two by email; two verbal. Four requests were closed; two with verbal opinion provided; one email and one written opinion.

**New Business:**

No new business was presented other the swearing in of the new commissioner.

**Executive Session:**

No Executive Session was held.

**Adjournment:**

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Brown

Seconded by Commissioner Bukaty

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Next Meeting is October 5, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien  
UG Ethics Administrator