

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

September 13, 2018

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

- 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 Fiscus called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Commissioners Bukaty, Brown and Busch were in attendance. Commissioner Duckers was absent but excused. Administrator Benien was present.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:

The proposed Minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. Commissioner Brown moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Bukaty. The Motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator's Report:

Administrator Benien provided the monthly report for the time period from August 1, 2018 through August 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. Continuing Ethics was held on August 29, 2018 at the Appraiser's Annex. Basic training scheduled for September 10, 2018 for the Planning and Zoning was rescheduled to November 13, 2018. Basic Ethics training is scheduled for September 18, 2018 and December 13, 2018 at HR.

No new hotline complaints or email complaints were received in August, 2018. Eight complaints are pending awaiting additional information, referral or review. One complaint was closed for lack of violation or finding of no jurisdiction or lack of provision of additional information. Two advisory opinion requests were pending as of August 31, 2018. No new requests for advisory opinions were received. Eight requests for advisory opinion were provided by email or verbally and closed.

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 remedies or sanctions for a UG elected official voting on a proposal if he or she has a conflict. 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 4:59 p.m.

Next Meeting is October 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

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UG Ethics Administrator