Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

X Chair Ms. Tami Schademann
X Member Ms. Dana Rank Bye
X Member Diana Aguirre
X Member Ms. Pat Brune
X Member Mr. George Kemper
X Ruth Benien, Administrator

X (Present)
E (Excused)
U (Unexcused)

Call to Order:

Chairperson Schademann called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Commissioners Rank Bye, Aguirre, Brune and Kemper were present. Administrator Benien was present. Legislative Auditor Tom Wiss and the Hon. Wayne Lampson were present.

Swearing in Ceremony for New UG Ethics Commissioners:

The Hon. Wayne Lampson swore in the two new UG Ethics Commissioners, Pat Brune and George Kemper.

Public Comment: No members of the public appeared.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:
Proposed Minutes of the July 11, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Kemper and seconded by Commissioner Brune. The motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator’s Report:

Administrator Benien provided a written copy of the July, 2013 monthly report which outlined the training provided in July, 2013 and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

Third quarter ethics training is being scheduled.

In July, 2013 no new complaints were received. Eighteen complaints are pending awaiting investigation, under investigation or determination. One new email request for advisory opinion was received and two verbal. Three new written opinions were provided. Two verbal opinions were provided. One request was closed for lack of follow up information. Fourteen advisory opinion requests are pending. One request for information is pending. One request for ethics presentation or training for a handicapped employee is pending.

The Administrator’s report was accepted as amended or corrected for July, 2013.

c). Discussion of Status of Proposed Revisions and Amendments to Ethics Code:

Administrator Benien advised that a copy of the UG Ethics Commission proposed amendments to the UG Ethics Code with final changes and corrections was sent to the UG Mayor’s Office on February 3, 2012. No action will be taken until after the selection of the new UG Commissioner to fill the vacancy created by Mayor Holland’s move to Mayor and the open At Large Commissioner position.

New Business:

Changes and corrections to the UG Ethics Commissioners biographical information was corrected and a picture of all UG Ethics Commissioners and photographs have been provided. The newly appointed UG Ethics Commissioners have provided photographs and biographical information.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Rank Bye.
Seconded by Commissioner Aguirre.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Next Meeting is September 5, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator