Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

X Chair Ms. Rhonda Smiley
X Member Ms. Mary Ann Slattery
X Member Mr. J. Anthony Snorgrass
X Member Mr. John Zawacki
X Member Mr. Gilbert Castro
X Ruth Benien, Administrator

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

Call to Order:

Chairperson Smiley called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Commissioners Slattery, Snorgrass, Zawacki and Castro were present. Administrator Benien was present.

Introduction of New Commissioner:

Newly appointed Commissioner Janey Humphries was recognized as being present and introduced. She will be sworn in at the next Ethics Commission meeting on August 6, 2009. She was present to observe the remainder of the meeting but did not vote or engage in any comment or discussions.

Public Comment: No members of the public appeared.

Old Business:

Minutes of the Approved May 5, 2009 meeting were distributed. Proposed Minutes of the June 11, 2009 meeting were reviewed. A Motion to Approve the Minutes as amended was made by Commissioner Castro with a second by Commissioner Snorgrass. The motion passed unanimously.
Administrator Benien reviewed the June monthly report with the Commission which outlined the training provided in June, 2009 and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A Basic Ethics training session was provided at the Health Department on June 9, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A Continuing Ethics training session was provided at the Health Department on June 9, 2009 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. An ethics training time with Mayor Reardon is scheduled for July 16, 2009.

Two new complaints were received. One was resolved with a finding of no jurisdiction. Seven complaints are pending. Thirteen complaints were resolved. One written request for advisory opinion was provided. Three new e-mail requests for advisory opinions were received. A verbal advisory opinion was requested and provided. Three requests for an advisory opinion are outstanding.

A motion to accept the Monthly Report as revised was made by Commissioner Slattery and seconded by Commissioner Snorgrass. Motion passed unanimously.

The status of the updates and revisions to the Ethics Code was reviewed. Administrator Benien reported on what transpired at the UG Standing Committee meeting held at 6 p.m., June 15, 2009. Administrator Benien and Commissioner Castro attended the meeting. No action on any Ethics Code provisions was proposed or taken by the UG Standing Committee.

Prior to the meeting, Administrator Benien forwarded to all Ethics Commissioners a final version of proposed Ethics Code revisions and a summary of proposed changes. Issues and questions raised by proposed or potential changes to the Ethics Code were discussed. Administrator Benien presented a brief historical re-cap of prior Ethics Code changes. All Commissioners are to review the proposed changes and provide responses or input to Administrator Benien on or before July 24, 2009 so that it can be determined if a special or additional meeting needs to be held prior to August 6, 2009.

The status of preparation of a memorandum to reiterate and re-enforce the existence of the retaliation provisions of the Ethics Code for distribution to all UG employees, elected officials and appointed officials was discussed. Administrator Benien will prepare the memorandum and provide it to the Ethics Commissioners for review prior to its dissemination.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Zawacki and seconded by Commissioner Snorgrass for issuance of a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Ethics Commissioner Slattery. The motion passed unanimously.
Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Slattery.

Seconded by Commissioner Snorgrass.

Passed Unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Next Meeting is August 6, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
Ethics Administrator