Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

E  Chair Ms. Tami Schademann
X  Member Ms. Janey Humphries
X  Member Mr. Robert Frey
X  Member Ms. Dana Rank
X  Member Ms. Diana Aguirre
X  Ruth Benien, Administrator

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

Call to Order:

Acting Chairperson Frey called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Commissioners Humphries, Rank and Aguirre were present. Chairperson Schademann was absent. Administrator Benien was present. Legislative Auditor Tom Wiss appeared prior to the start of the meeting.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:

Proposed Minutes of the June 7, 2012 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Humphries and seconded by Commissioner Rank. The motion passed unanimously.
b). Monthly Administrator’s Report:

Administrator Benien provided a written copy of the June, 2012 monthly report which outlined the training provided in June, 2012 and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A Continuing Ethics training session was held June 20, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Resource Center. A Basic Ethics training session was held June 20, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Resource Center. A Basic Ethics training session for the fire academy and other UG employees is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, 2012 at the Human Resource Center. Continuing Ethics sessions are scheduled for August 30, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Human Resources Training Room, October 17, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Resource Center and December 11, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Human Resources Training Room. A Basic Ethics training session is scheduled on October 9, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Human Resources Training Room. A Basic Ethics training session for UG Ethics Commissioners is scheduled for July 12, 2012 immediately following the July UG Ethics Commission meeting.

In June, 2012 two new hotline complaints were received. Twenty one complaints are pending awaiting investigation, under investigation or determination. Four complaints were closed with no violation found. One new verbal request for advisory opinion was received. One verbal advisory opinion was provided. Seven advisory opinions are pending. One new request for information or assistance was received. One request for information is pending.

The Administrator’s report was accepted as amended or corrected for June, 2012.

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. The matter was not placed on the March 13, 2012 Standing Committee Agenda. A meeting was held on April 12, 2012 with the Mayor’s Office, the Ethics Administrator, the Legislative Auditor and members of the legal department regarding scheduling of the proposed Amendments. No proposed amendments have been received formally from the UG legal department or any other individual or group. The proposed amendments and their placement on any Standing Committee or UG Commissioners’ Meeting have been placed on hold until after budget hearings in July and August, 2012.
New Business:

Administrator Benien again asked all the new Ethics Commissioners to provide a photograph for the UG Ethics website.

Due to conflicts the Basic Ethics training session for the UG Ethics Commissioners scheduled to commence after the July 12, 2012 UG Ethics Commission meeting was rescheduled until after the August 2, 2012 UG Ethics Commission meeting.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Rank.

Seconded by Commissioner Aguirre.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Next Meeting is August 2, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator