Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

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

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

Call to Order:

Chairperson Schademann called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. Commissioners Humphries and Rank were present. Administrator Benien was present. Legislative Auditor Tom Wiss was present to introduce the two new UG Ethics Commissioners, George Kemper and Patricia Brune. The two new UG Ethics Commissioners were present throughout the meeting.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:
Proposed Minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Rank Bye and seconded by Commissioner Humphries. The motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator’s Report:

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

The Continuing Ethics session scheduled for June 27, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Human Resources was cancelled and will be rescheduled. Third quarter ethics training is being scheduled.

In June, 2013 three new email complaints were received, one written complaint was received and two text complaints were received. Eighteen complaints are pending awaiting investigation, under investigation or determination. Eight complaints were closed with a finding of no violation due to lack of jurisdiction or no violation. Three new email requests for advisory opinion were received or matters presented for review. Five new e-mail advisory or written opinions were provided. Seventeen 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 June, 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 and a photograph was provided. Administrator Benien made a presentation to the newly appointed UG Ethics Commissioners with respect to the procedures generally followed and the monthly meeting documents.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.
Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Rank Bye.

Seconded by Commissioner Humphries.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Next Meeting is August 1, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator