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 (Appeared by Telephone)

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 by telephone due to a personal emergency that required her physical presence out of town.

Public Comment: No members of the public appeared for the public comment session.

Old Business:

Minutes of the Approved March 5, 2009 meeting were reviewed. They are to be changed to Approved versus Proposed. Proposed Minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting were reviewed. A Motion to Approve the Minutes as proposed was made by Commissioner Slattery with a second by Commissioner Zawacki. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Benien verbally reviewed the monthly report with the Commission which outlined the training provided in April, 2009 and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received. Given her physical absence from the meeting she will submit her written report outlining specifics prior to the next meeting.
Continuing Ethics training was provided on April 29, 2009 at the UG Annex facility at 82nd and State from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A Basic Ethics training session was provided for five members of the Unified Government Commission and three employees of the UG Administrator and Mayor’s offices on April 30, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

One new ethics complaint was received. A file was opened and the matter is pending. One e-mail request and three verbal requests for advisory opinions were received. The three verbal requests were responded to and the matters closed. The e-mail request is outstanding. Three outstanding requests for written advisory opinions were responded to. One outstanding complaint was found to have an ethical violation and appropriate action taken. Seventeen complaints are pending and three requests for advisory opinion are outstanding. Nine outstanding complaints were closed without violations found.

The status of the updates and revisions to the Ethics Code was reviewed. Administrator Benien advised that request has been made to the UG legal department for preparation and presentation of at least three proposed changes to the Ethics Code.

**New Business:**

Request was made for Administrator Benien to obtain a current copy of the Code with the correct re-codification numbers and distribute them to the Commissioners.

**Executive Session:**

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Zawacki.

Seconded by Commissioner Snorgrass.

Passed Unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
Ethics Administrator