Approved Meeting Minutes
Ethics Commission of the Unified Government
Courtroom No. 18, 2nd Floor, Wyandotte County Courthouse
710 N. 7th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101
May 1, 2014, 4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

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X (Present) E (Excused)
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Call to Order:

Chairperson Schademann called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. Commissioners Rank-Bye, Brune and Kemper were present. Commissioner Villegas was absent but excused. Administrator Benien was present.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:

Proposed Minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Brune and seconded by Commissioner Kemper. The motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator’s Report:
Administrator Benien provided the April, 2014 monthly report which outlined the training provided in April, 2014 and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

Continuing Ethics training for the three UG Commissioners needing to complete such training will be scheduled in the next few months. The training sessions for the first and second quarters are being scheduled with Angela Harshberger who has replaced Gail Bragg. Basic Ethics training is scheduled for May 15, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Human Resources Training room. Continuing Ethics training is scheduled for June 12, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Resource Center. The Ethics Administrator has been contacted with respect to scheduling ethics training for the sheriff and fire department starting in April and May, 2014. A Basic Ethics training is scheduled for May 7, 2014 for the new fire recruits at fire department headquarters.

In April, 2014 three hotline telephone complaints and three email complaints were received. Five complaints were resolved with a finding of no jurisdiction and referral made where appropriate. Fourteen complaints are pending awaiting investigation, under investigation or determination. One new email request for advisory opinion was received. One written advisory opinion was issued. Nine advisory opinion requests are pending. One new request for a speaking presentation was received and declined as not related to the UG Ethics Code. One request for ethics presentation or training for a handicapped employee is pending. One Request for Information was received and is pending.

The Administrator’s report was accepted as presented for April, 2014.

New Business:

The prior discussions with respect to proposed ethics amendments and a general consensus that an attempt should be made to review the UG Ethics Code in its entirety and make requests for changes and amendments globally was tabled given requests by the UG Commissioners to address particular issues at an April 10, 2014 UG Commission meeting which was attended by the UG Ethics Administrator, the UG Legislative Auditor and the District Attorney and Wyandotte County Chief Administrative Judge. UG Ethics Commissioners Rank-Bye and Brune were also in attendance. Administrator Benien reviewed the various requests for consideration with the Ethics Commissioners and obtained general consensus on the requested amendments or changes. The Ethics Commissioners unanimously approved authorization to Administrator Benien to prepare a resolution in support of the existing system.

It was agreed due to scheduling conflicts and the unavailability of Administrator Benien to move the next UG Ethics Commission to June 12, 2014 at which time proposed amendments to the UG Ethics Code will be considered and discussed.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.
Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Rank-Bye

Seconded by Commissioner Kemper.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Next Meeting is June 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator