Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

X Chair Ms. Tami Schademann
X Member Ms. Janey Humphries
E 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:

Chairperson Schademann called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Commissioners Humphries, Rank and Aguirre were present. Administrator Benien was present.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:

Proposed Minutes of the October 11, 2012 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Rank and seconded by Commissioner Aguirre. The motion passed unanimously.

b). Monthly Administrator’s Report:
Administrator Benien provided a written copy of the October, 2012 monthly report which outlined the training provided in October, 2012 and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

Continuing Ethics training was provided on October 17, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Resource Center. A Continuing Ethics training session is scheduled for December 11, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Human Resources Training Room. A Basic Ethics training session was presented on October 9, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Human Resources Training Room. An ethics training presentation will be made to a KU MPA class on December 1, 2012. An ethics presentation will be made to a Donnelly College ethics class in October or November, 2012. Ethics training sessions for the UG Sheriff’s Department are scheduled for October 24, 2012 and November 28, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheriff’s Department.

In October, 2012 three e-mail complaints were received. One verbal telephone complaint was received. Nineteen complaints are pending awaiting investigation, under investigation or determination. Four complaints were closed. Three with no jurisdiction found. One with no violation found. Three new requests for advisory opinion were received or matters presented for review, two verbal and one e-mail request. Two verbal advisory opinions were provided. Eleven advisory opinions are pending. One request for information is pending. Two requests for ethics presentations or training were received and are pending.

The Administrator’s report was accepted as amended or corrected for October, 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 were placed on hold until after budget hearings in July and August, 2012. No further contact has been received from the Mayor’s Office with respect to the scheduling of a meeting to discuss the proposed amendments.

New Business:

No new business was presented.
Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Rank.

Seconded by Commissioner Humphries.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Next Meeting is December 6, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Ruth M. Benien____

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator