Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

X Chair Mr. Gilbert Castro
X Member Dr. J. Anthony Snorgrass, PhD.
X Member Mr. John Zawacki
E Member Ms. Janey Humphries
X Member Mr. Robert Frey
X Ruth Benien, Administrator

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

Call to Order:

Chairperson Castro called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Commissioners Castro, Snorgrass, Zawacki and Frey were present. Commissioner Humphries was absent. Administrator Benien was present.

Public Comment: No members of the public appeared.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:

Approved Minutes of the August 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed and corrected to change a date to 2011. Proposed Minutes of the September 2, 2010 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Zawacki and seconded by Commissioner Frey. The motion passed unanimously.
b). Monthly Administrator’s Report:

Administrator Benien provided a written copy of the October 4, 2010 monthly report to the Commission which outlined the training provided in September, 2010 and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A Continuing Ethics training session was held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 16, 2010 at NRC. A Continuing Ethics training session for the police department was scheduled for September 15, 2010 but cancelled the morning of the training. Continuing Ethics training for the police department was held on September 30, 2010. A Basic Ethics training session is scheduled for October 6, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Policy Academy Recruits. Police department Continuing Ethics training sessions are scheduled for October 6, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.; October 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.; October 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.; October 25, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.; November 2, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.; November 8, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.; November 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.; December 3, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.; December 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. and December 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. A Basic Ethics training session is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a Continuing Ethics training session is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Health Department. A Continuing Ethics training session is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the NRC. Additional police ethics training and fire department training will be scheduled prior to the end of the year.

Two new e-mail complaints and one written complaint were received. Thirty complaints are pending awaiting investigation, under investigation or determination. Five complaints were closed, two with finding of violation and appropriate action taken; three with finding of no violation or insufficient facts provided for investigation. Five new e-mail requests for advisory opinion were received. Two new verbal requests for advisory opinions were received. Two written e-mail advisory opinions were provided. Two verbal advisory opinions were provided. Nine requests for an advisory opinion are pending. No requests for information were received. Two requests for information were closed. Two requests for information are pending.

The Administrator’s report was accepted as amended or corrected.

c). Discussion of Status of Proposed Revisions and Amendments to Ethics Code:

Administrator Benien advised that the proposed amendments to Sec. 2-259 and Sec. 2-267 of the UG Ethics Code were submitted to the UG Legal Department but have not been submitted as of October 4, 2010 for the Standing Committee on Administrative Affairs. The proposed resolutions with respect to the United Way, Wyandotte County Park Foundation and the Wyandotte County Historical Society were heard at the September 16, 2010 UG Commissioner’s meeting and taken off the Consent Agenda. Administrator Benien was not present at the meeting as she was not advised the matter was on the Agenda. The resolutions passed at the meeting but Administrator Benien has been asked to attend the October 7, 2010 UG Commissioner’s meeting to answer questions about the United Way, Wyandotte County Bar Foundation and Wyandotte
County Historical Society. Ethics Commissioner Zawacki agreed to attend on behalf of the UG Ethics Commission and a representative of the Legislative Auditor’s Office also agreed to be present.

**New Business:**

Administrator Benien advised that with respect to one of the outstanding complaints the Legislative Auditor’s office had agreed to conduct the portion of the investigation relating to improper deposit of checks.

**Executive Session:**

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Snorgrass.

Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting is November 4, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien _____

Ruth M. Benien
Ethics Administrator