Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

X Chair Ms. Tami Schademann
E Member Ms. Janey Humphries
X 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 4:00 p.m. Commissioners Frey, Rank and Aguirre were present. Commissioner Humphries was absent. Administrator Benien was present.

Public Comment: No members of the public were present.

Old Business:

a). Approval of Minutes:

Proposed Minutes of the September 6, 2012 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Rank and seconded by Commissioner Frey. The motion passed unanimously.
b). Monthly Administrator’s Report:

Administrator Benien provided a written copy of the September, 2012 monthly report which outlined the training provided in September, 2012 and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

No ethics training was provided in September, 2012. Continuing Ethics sessions are scheduled for October 17, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood Resource Center and December 11, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Human Resources Training Room. A Basic Ethics training session is scheduled 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 September, 2012 one written complaint was received. Four verbal complaints were received. Two e-mail complaints was received. Nineteen complaints are pending awaiting investigation, under investigation or determination. Three complaints were closed with no violation found. Three complaints were closed due to lack of jurisdiction. One complaint was closed due to insufficient information. Four new requests for advisory opinion were received or matters presented for review. Four verbal advisory opinions were provided. One written e-mail opinion was provided. Ten advisory opinions are pending. One request for information is pending. One request for information was provided. Two requests for ethics presentations or training were received.

The Administrator’s report was accepted as amended or corrected for September, 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 have been 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 Frey.

Seconded by Commissioner Aguirre.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Next Meeting is November 1, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator