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

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

Call to Order:

Chairperson Rhonda Smiley called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. Commissioners Slattery, Snorgrass, Zawacki and Castro were present.

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

Old Business:

Minutes of the August 14, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A Motion to Approve the Minutes as corrected was made by Commissioner Slattery with a second by Commissioner Zawacki. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator Benien reviewed the monthly report with the Commission which outlined the training provided in August, 2008 and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.
A Basic Ethics training was provided on August 19, 2008 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Continuing Education from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Human Resources Department. Basic Ethics training is scheduled for September 2, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Police Academy and for September 23, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Library Board. Continuing Ethics training is scheduled for September 24, 2008 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m at the Human Resources Center. Any of the Commissioners in need of training were invited to attend any of these sessions.

Four new hotline call complaints were received and have been handled and resolved or referred or are pending further investigation. Fourteen complaints are open pending investigation and/or resolution. Three complaints were resolved and closed. With corrections or additions a Motion to approve the Report was made by Commissioner Castro and seconded by Commissioner Snorgrass. The Motion to approve was unanimous.

The status of the updates and revisions to the Ethics Code were reviewed. Administrator Benien is still continuing her review and recommendation of the proposed changes.

Administrator Benien advised on the status of the creation of ethics e-mail accounts for each of the Commissioners. Commissioner Snorgrass has successfully established his e-mail account and will set up similar accounts for the other Commissioners.

Administrator Benien advised that the Budget proposals had been submitted and a final overall Budget approved, but no notification had been provided with respect to the final budget for the Ethics Commission or request for additional funds in 2008.

The Ethics Administrator has made a request to the UG Legal Department with respect to the question of subpoena power by the Commission and/or Administrator.

The Ethics Administrator has attempted to contact the UG Police Department to determine what information is generally available to the public but has not received a response.

**Executive Session:** An Executive Session was held for 45 minutes commencing at 5:15 p.m. on Motion by Commissioner Slattery and second by Commissioner Zawacki for the purpose of reviewing personnel matters of non-elected officials. The session was adjourned early at 5:29 p.m. on Motion by Commissioner Snorgrass and second by Commissioner Slattery.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Castro.

Seconded by Commissioner Zawacki.

Passed Unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Next Meeting is October 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
Ethics Administrator