Regular Meeting:

Roll Call:

X Chair Ms. Tami Schademann
X Member Ms. Janey Humphries
X Member Mr. Robert Frey
X Member Ms. Dana Rank
E 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 4:13 p.m. Commissioners Humphries, Frey and Rank were present. Commissioner Aguirre 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 August 2, 2012 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Frey and seconded by Commissioner Rank. The motion passed unanimously.
b). Monthly Administrator’s Report:

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

A Continuing Ethics session was held on August 30, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Human Resources Training Room. 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.

In August, 2012 one new hotline complaint was received. Two new e-mail complaints were received. One new text complaint was received. One verbal complaint was received. Nineteen complaints are pending awaiting investigation, under investigation or determination. Three complaints were closed with no violation found. One complaint was closed due to lack of jurisdiction and insufficient information. One complaint was closed due to decision to not file a formal complaint. Two complaints were closed as moot. Two new verbal requests for advisory opinion were received. One e-mail advisory opinion request was received. One written request for advisory opinion was received. Two verbal advisory opinions were provided. Nine advisory opinions are pending. One request for information is pending.

The Administrator’s report was accepted as amended or corrected for August, 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:
Discussion was held regarding the October Ethics Commission meeting date and the potential need to move the meeting. Commissioner Humphries will be unavailable and Commissioner Frey believes he may also be unavailable. Commissioner Frey will check his schedule and advise of his availability for October 4, 2012 or October 11, 2012. If Commissioner Frey is unavailable on October 4, 2012, Administrator Benien was authorized to move the meeting to October 11, 2012.

**Executive Session:**

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Rank.

Seconded by Commissioner Humphries.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next Meeting is October 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. unless changed by notice from the UG Ethics Administrator to October 11, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator