

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**ETHICS COMMISSION OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT**  
**Courtroom No. 18, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wyandotte County Courthouse**  
**710 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, KS 66101**

**July 6, 2017**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Roll Call:** Chairperson Mr. George Kemper

X Member Anthony Villegas

X Member Jerry Fiscus

X Member David Duckers

E Member Chiquita Wilson

X Ruth Benien, Administrator

X (Present) E (Excused)

U (Unexcused)

**Call to Order:**

Acting Chairperson Anthony Villegas called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Commissioners Villegas, Fiscus and Duckers were present. Commissioner Wilson was absent but excused. Commissioner Kemper arrived shortly after the meeting commenced. Administrator Benien was present.

**Public Comment:** No members of the public were present for comment.

**Old Business:**

**a). Approval of Minutes:**

The proposed Minutes of the June 1, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Duckers moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Fiscus.. Motion passed unanimously.

**b). Monthly Administrator's Report:**

Administrator Benien provided a monthly report for the time period from June 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 which outlined the training provided in those months and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

A UG Basic Ethics training was held on March 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Health Department auditorium. A UG Continuing ethics session was held on April 26, 2017 at the Health Department. A UG Basic Ethics training session was held June 21, 2017. A UG Continuing Ethics training session was held on June 13, 2017. A UG Basic Ethics training session is scheduled for September 14, 2017 and December 7, 2017. A UG Basic Ethics training session was held on June 23, 2017 for the new police academy cadets. Continuing Ethics training presentations by video have and are being provided by the Human Resources department for the police and fire department and were also used for a section of the sheriff's department.

Six new email complaints were received. Four new hotline complaints were received. Fifteen complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Five complaints were closed, three for no jurisdiction, one for no violation and one with a violation corrected. Eleven advisory opinion requests are pending as of July 1, 2017. No new requests for an advisory opinion were received. One new hotline request for an advisory opinion was received.

**New Business:**

No new business was presented other than discussion of the ongoing selection process for the open ethics commission positions and that the deadline for applications was June 14, 2017. Six individuals had applied as of June 1, 2017.

**Executive Session:**

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Fiscus

Seconded by Commissioner Villegas

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next Meeting is July 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien\_\_\_\_\_

Ruth M. Benien  
UG Ethics Administrator