

**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 11, 2019**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Roll Call:**

- X Member Jerry Fiscus
- X Member David Duckers
- X Member John J. Bukaty, Jr.
- X Member Linda Brown
- E Member Dachia Busch
- X Ruth Benien, Administrator

X (Present) E (Excused)

U (Unexcused)

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Fiscus called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Commissioners Duckers, Bukaty and Brown were in attendance. Commissioner Busch was absent but excused. Administrator Benien was present.

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

**Old Business:**

**a). Approval of Minutes:**

The Minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved. Commissioner Brown moved for approval with a second by Commissioner Bukaty. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Administrator Benien provided the monthly report for the time period from June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 which outlined the training provided in that month and the nature of the ethics opinions rendered and complaints received.

Continuing Ethics training presentations by video have and are being provided by the Human Resources department for the police and fire department and are also used for a section of the sheriff's department and water treatment plant due to the shifts in each department. First quarter Continuing Ethics was held on February 13, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Health Department and on March 25, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Human Resources. Police Academy training was held January 17, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Policy Academy. Basic UG ethics training was held on March 13, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at HR. Fire Basic training was held from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2019. UG Continuing Ethics training was held on April 24, 2019. The UG Continuing Ethics scheduled for June 12, 2019 was cancelled due to the departure of the Human Resources training person. A UG Basic Ethics training and Basic training for the Fire Academy was held at the Health Department on June 20, 2019.

Four new email complaints were received. Five new hotline complaints were received. One in person verbal complaint was received. Eighteen complaints are pending awaiting additional information, referral or review. Two complaints were closed one due to lack of jurisdiction and the other for lack of provision of follow-up information. Three new email advisory opinions were requested. One voice mail request for provision was made. One written advisory opinions was provided. One oral opinion was provided. Six advisory opinion requests were pending as of June 30, 2019. One new request for information was received and the information provided.

### **New Business:**

All Ethics Commissioners were again asked to review and make notes for changes or improvement to the UG Ethics Web Site for the next meeting.

Ethics Administrator Benien will try at each meeting to cover a limited provision of the UG Ethics Code to better help the UG Ethics Commissioners understand its provisions or answer questions they may have. The topic this month dealt with discussion of advisory boards.

Special recognition was made to outgoing Ethics Commissioners Jerry Fiscus and David Duckers. The remaining Ethics Commissioners and the Ethics Administrator thanked them for their service.

Two new Ethics Commissioners will attend their first meeting and be sworn in on August 8, 2019.

### **Executive Session:**

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting is August 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

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UG Ethics Administrator