

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

May 4, 2017

Regular Meeting:

Roll Call

X Chairperson Mr. George Kemper

E 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:

Chairperson George Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. Commissioners Fiscus and Duckers were present. Commissioners Wilson and Villegas were absent but excused. 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 April 6, 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 April 1, 2017 through April 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 is scheduled for June 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.. A UG Continuing Ethics training session is scheduled for 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 is scheduled for 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. An ethics presentation to a KU masters class was provided on April 5, 2017.

Two new email complaints were received. Two new hotline complaints were received. Nine complaints are pending awaiting investigation or additional information. Six complaints were closed, four for no jurisdiction, two for lack of response, follow up or additional information. Twelve advisory opinion requests are pending as of May 1, 2017. Six requests were closed, three with a written email advisory opinion provided, three with no additional information provided. Two new email requests for an advisory opinion were received.

New Business:

No new business was presented.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Duckers

Seconded by Commissioner Fiscus

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Next Meeting is June 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/Ruth M. Benien

Ruth M. Benien
UG Ethics Administrator