

Eastern Kansas GFOA Meeting
July 14, 2026 11:30 AM
City of Merriam - Merriam Community Center

Program: 2027 Budget Updates – NEK Budget Update presentation

Speakers: Caitlin Gard, Assistant City Administrator with City of Merriam

A. Call to order By President Nickie Lee at 12:05pm

- Issues with EKGFOA communications (emails) reaching participants due to new Outlook filters and IT rules for various organizations.
 - Please reach out to any of the EKGFOA Board members if you are not receiving emails around the time expected.
 - Agenda lists scheduled times and will work to include locations when known
 - EKGFOA meetings are kept updated on the website <https://www.ekgfoa.org>
- In September there will be a call for EKGFOA Board nominees. Please consider serving.
- Introductions

B. Presentation of minutes of the May 12, 2026 meeting and consideration for approval. Meeting minutes completed by Secretary Cassandra Gunther. The motion to approve was made by Kari Holwick with WaterOne, seconded by Jeremy Willmoth with the City of Leawood, and approved.

C. Presentation of Treasurer's report as of May 2026 and consideration for approval. Report completed by Treasurer Josie Hermreck. The motion to approve was made by Jeremy Willmoth with the City of Leawood, seconded by Rachelle Mathews with the City of Lawrence, and approved.

E. Old Business

- 2026 Dues completed for expected participants. When an opportunity arises, encouraged to share about EKGFOA with unenrolled entities. Invite them to join!
- \$60 – Governmental (Voting) Member; \$40 – Associate (Non-Voting) Member

F. Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Meetings: Dates are subject to change. Hosts are responsible for planning the catering and will be reimbursed by EKGFOA. Hosts can choose the program and speaker for their meeting.
 - September 15 - Overland Park at Matt Ross Community Center
 - November 17 - Johnson County at TBD

G. New Business/Announcements

- KSGFOA update provided by Rachelle Mathews with the City of Lawrence
 - Annual conference is Oct 21-23, Keynote Ty Bennett secured and speaking on Leadership & Performance, September 16th scholarship deadline, need nominees for KSGFOA awards.
- EKGFOA planning social event in November, more details to follow.