

Eastern Kansas GFOA (EKGFOA)
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026
WaterOne
10747 Renner Blvd Lenexa KS 66219 – Boardroom

Program: WaterOne Update

Speaker: Shane Hoffman, Supervisor-Financial Planning & Analysis at WaterOne

A. Call to order By President Nickie Lee at 12:20pm

- Introductions

B. Presentation of minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting and consideration for approval. Meeting minutes completed by Vice President Matt Harper. The motion to approve was made by Kari Holwick from WaterOne, seconded by Rachelle Mathews from the City of Lawrence, and approved.

C. Presentation of Treasurer's report as of January 20, 2026 and consideration for approval. Report completed by Treasurer Josie Hermreck. The motion to approve was made by Erin Leckey from WaterOne, seconded by Kari Holwick from WaterOne, and approved.

E. Old Business

- 2026 Dues Reminder \$60 – Governmental (Voting) Member; \$40 – Associate (Non-Voting) Member
- Nickie Lee will send out reminders to entities still needing to submit membership.

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.
 - May 12 - Leawood
 - July 14 - Merriam
 - September 15 - Overland Park
 - November 17 - Johnson County

G. New Business/Announcements

- KSGFOA update provided by Rachelle Mathews
 - Spring Symposium will be part symposium and part accounting academy.
 - Symposium on April 27 and accounting academy on April 28th & 29th
 - Fall conference will remain at same location, Embassy Suites in Olathe, on October 21-23.
 - GFOA trainings being offered in April in Kansas City – not here often, take advantage!
- Nickie Lee discussed Bill 2745 proposed in KS legislature.
 - State legislature is receiving pressure to do something about property taxes. This is not easy.
 - Early version of Bill 2745 included a 3% cap on property tax growth.
 - A new version of the bill is exploring the combination of the revenue neutral rate and proposed 3% cap.
 - Keep an eye on property tax reform!
 - If your organization's lobbyist asks questions about the bill or needs information, please provide information asap. Appears decision on bill will happen soon.

H. Awards and Recognitions

- Congratulations to Sydney Ming promoted to Finance Director of Miami County! 🎉