

Eastern Kansas GFOA Meeting
September 15, 2026 11:30 AM
City of Overland Park - Matt Ross Community Center

Program: 2026 Economic Conditions and Forecasts

Speakers: Doug Davidson from the County Economic Research Institute

A. Call to order (By President Nickie Lee)

- Introductions

B. Presentation of minutes of the July 14, 2026 meeting and consideration for approval. Meeting minutes completed by Secretary Cassandra Gunther. The motion to approve was made by Gena McDonald with City of Overland Park, seconded by Jeremy Willmoth with the City of Leawood, and approved. Download at <https://www.ekgfoa.org/meeting-minutes>.

C. Presentation of Treasurer's report as of August 2026 and consideration for approval. Report completed by Treasurer Josie Hermreck. The motion to approve was made by Robin Symes with Johnson County, seconded by Jennifer Jones-Lacy with City of Roeland Park, and approved. Download at <https://www.ekgfoa.org/treasurer-reports>.

D. Upcoming Meetings & Events

- 3rd Annual Retiree Celebration and Social Event for Members: November 18, 4-6 p.m., Tanners Bar and Grill (22374 W. 66th Street, Shawnee)
 - Email invite will be sent out soon.
 - Pass onto retirees please.
 - This is a social event for all EKGFOA members, come out and have fun with us!
 - EKGFOA supplies appetizers.
- Nominate or volunteer as a new Treasurer for the 2027 EKGFOA Board. Contact any EKGFOA Board member to sign up or for more details. Nickie Lee nlee@pvkansas.com, Matt Harper matt.harper@opkansas.org, Cassandra Gunther cgunther@waterone.org, or Josie Hermreck jhermreck@cityofshawnee.org.
 - This is a four-year commitment as you progress through Board positions; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.
 - Selection and vote for the Treasurer will occur at the November EKGFOA meeting.
- 2027 meeting locations and dates will be scheduled during the November EKGFOA meeting.
 - Please consider hosting and signing up at the next meeting. Please email Nickie Lee at nlee@pvkansas.com to volunteer ahead of the meeting, early planning is helpful!
- 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.
 - November 17 - Johnson County Location TBD

E. New Business/Announcements

- KSGFOA update – Conference is October 22nd and 23rd at Olathe Embassy Suites.

F. Awards and Recognitions

- Janice Meier was promoted to Deputy Finance Director with Overland Park. Congratulations Janice!

- Tillie LaPlante is retiring from the City of Bonner Springs after a short 36 years. Congratulations Tillie! Lesley Strohschein has joined the City of Bonner Springs as the new Finance Director. Congrats Lesley!