



Kansas Municipal Gas Agency
 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 September 11, 2025

| Committee Members | City | Present/ Absent | KMGA Staff/Guests |
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| Tara Pierce | Argonia | Present | Paul Mahlberg |
| Chris Weiner | Coffeyville | Present | Dixie Riedel |
| Ethan Reimer | Halstead | Present | Terri Pemberton |
| Jason Thrasher | Hesston | Present | Lisa Ferguson |
| Nathan Law | Louisburg | Present | Mike Meyer |
| Katie Hodge | Osage City | Present | Brooke Kistler |
| Gus Collins* | Winfield | Present | Manny Milbers |

**Attended the meeting virtually*

Item No. 1 – Call the Meeting to Order

President Gus Collins called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m., which was held at the KMEA office in Overland Park, KS, and virtually. A quorum was present.

Item No. 2 – Seek Approval for the Following Items:

- **July 23, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**
 Ethan Reimer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 23, 2025. The motion was seconded by Tara Pierce and carried unanimously.
- **Appropriations Report for July 2025 and August 2025**
 Mike Meyer presented the Appropriations Report for July 2025 and August 2025. Chris Weiner made a motion to approve the July 2025 and August 2025 Appropriations Reports. Katie Hodge seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Item No. 3 – Gas Directors Report

Dixie Riedel provided updates on the Natural Gas Industry market and stated that power plant generation necessitated August withdrawals due to electric generation increasing. Dixie said this will be a trend as electric generation continues to rise and place increasing demands on gas supply, although she stated supply is currently stable. She also shared 2025-2026 winter outlooks from two different entities which showed conflicting forecasts. Dixie reported she has locked in a small portion of supply at fixed pricing for the period of May 2026 – April 2027. She will continue to monitor the markets and pricing and will layer in additional deals over the next several months. She’s also working on finalizing the winter weather messaging.

Item No. 4 – General Counsel Report

Terri Pemberton provided an update on Winter Storm Uri related to the AG and class-action lawsuits. The Kansas AG had previously dismissed its federal and state litigation, but Foulston Seifkin has appealed that decision with oral arguments pending as to whether the case should proceed, while the Oklahoma AG has two dockets remaining that are ongoing, one of which is set for pre-trial in August 2026. Terri also provided an update on a KCC docket involving service territories and stated that Kansas Gas Service and Black Hills Energy are attempting to resolve territory issues amongst themselves, but that the territory includes 5 counties where KMGA member cities are located. KMGA will monitor this situation to ensure there’s no encroachment on the member cities and Terri has contacted those involved for more information.

Item No. 5 – General Manager Report

Paul Mahlberg provided an update on the ongoing work being completed at the KMEA office and stated that all structural remediation to the building has been completed and landscaping will be completed in the fall, per the Overland Park permit. We’re also considering a potential remodel to add offices to the backroom area of the KMEA office that is currently used for storage and occasional meetings. Staff are working with the KMEA Executive Committee and following their recommendations on how to proceed.

Paul also gave an update on the proposed new Mid-States facility and stated that KMEA closed in August on fifteen-acres to be used as the site for the proposed new facility. Paul mentioned there will likely be a meeting space created there that would accommodate future meetings for the KMEA and KMGGA Executive Committees as well as the EMP groups.

Paul reminded Executive Committee members that the Annual Conference is coming up on November 13-14 and said there would be a couple of gas related sessions – with representatives from WoodRiver Energy and Missouri Public Utility Alliance.

Item No. 6 – Old Business

● **Natural Gas Prepay Update**

Paul Mahlberg said that KMGGA is still prepared to move forward on the prepay when the market is ready. We have agreements back from two groups: Black Belt/Goldman Sachs and MMGA/JP Morgan and the agreements are nearly identical so KMGGA could go with either group. Both groups indicated this week that the market isn’t currently conducive for prepays and that the soonest anything could happen is post-November. When the market is ready, KMGGA will need approval from the Executive Committee and a resolution to move forward.

Item No. 7 – New Business

None.

Item No. 8 – Preliminary 2026 Budget Discussion

● **Staffing Needs/KMEA Management Fee**

Paul Mahlberg gave a preliminary presentation on the proposed 2026 KMGGA Budget and factors that influenced changes in the budget from 2025 to 2026. Paul stated that Dixie Riedel has given KMGGA notice that she plans to retire in Spring 2027. Paul is recommending that her replacement be hired mid-2026 to shadow her and step in fully when she does retire. Paul shared how the expenses would increase during the 2026/2027 period when both Dixie and a replacement would be on staff at the same time. Paul asked for feedback from the Executive Committee and discussion ensued. Based on the feedback, KMGGA will plan to develop the 2026 budget with the numbers to include the addition of this potential new hire and present it to the Executive Committee at the next meeting.

Item No. 9 – Executive Session to discuss personnel matters

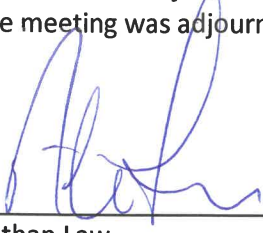
Nathan Law made a motion for the Executive Committee and Paul Mahlberg to go into executive session for five minutes at 11:35 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. Chris Weiner seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously. The open meeting resumed at 11:40 a.m. No action was taken.

Item No. 10 – Discuss and set date, time, and location for the next Executive Committee Meeting

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on October 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. and will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Item No. 11 – Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.



Nathan Law