

CIVIC INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Charter Review Committee

City of Glendale, California

Meeting Date: June 4, 2026

Full Meeting – Duration: Approximately 3 hours 30 minutes

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Purpose:

AI-Assisted Governance Transparency System – Full Meeting Analysis

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1. Executive Summary

This report analyzes the June 4, 2026 meeting of the City of Glendale Charter Review Committee. The meeting ran for approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes and covered three substantive discussion items: qualifications for the elected City Treasurer, qualifications for the elected City Clerk, and a proposal for an Independent Audit Commission. The committee also received a staff presentation on proposed amendments to the City Charter's financial provisions relating to Glendale Water and Power fund accounting.

The Charter Review Committee is an ad-hoc recommending body formed by City Council nominations from volunteers. Its function is advisory. Any recommendations must ultimately be approved by the City Council and submitted to Glendale voters for ratification. The Charter itself, once amended and approved by voters, functions as the foundational governing document of the city. All ordinances must comply with the Charter, which in turn must comply with California State law.

This report applies the governance intelligence framework established in the January 16, 2025 proof-of-concept report, now extended to a full meeting. It includes corrected speaker attribution, chronological reconstruction, reconstructed minutes, discrepancy analysis against official records where available, speaker contributions, and a foundation for future cross-meeting analytical queries.

2. Scope of This Report

Field	Detail
Source	Audio recording of June 4, 2026 Charter Review Committee meeting
Meeting Date	June 4, 2026
Committee	City of Glendale Charter Review Committee
Coverage	Full meeting
Duration	Approximately 3 hours 30 minutes (209.9 minutes)
Speakers Identified	15 (10 committee members, 1 coordinator, 1 city attorney, 1 assistant city manager, 1 finance director, 2 public speakers)
Transcription Method	AssemblyAI with speaker diarization, manually corrected
Analysis Method	AI-assisted governance audit layer with confirmed speaker mapping
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Objectives

1. Produce a corrected, speaker-attributed account of the full meeting.
2. Reconstruct the chronological flow of all agenda items.
3. Document key decisions, motions, votes, and their outcomes.
4. Record all public speaker contributions in full.
5. Identify governance observations arising from the proceedings.

6. Provide a foundation for cross-meeting analytical queries.

3. Meeting Participants

Role	Name	Notes
Coordinator (Recording Secretary)	Mariam Hagopian	City staff coordinator. Opened meeting, conducted all roll calls, announced speakers. Not a committee member or elected official.
Chair	Stephen Flower	Elected Chair. Presided over all items. Extensive substantive participation on treasurer qualifications and audit commission.
Vice Chair	Carl Povilaitis	Drafted and presented the Independent Audit Commission proposal. Substantial contributor throughout. Note: Povilaitis does not serve on the city's Audit Committee. Miller does.
Committee Member	Alan Durham	CPA background. Key contributor on treasurer qualifications and audit commission financial expertise discussion.
Committee Member	Denise Miller	Drafted the treasurer and clerk qualification language. Substantial contributor. Serves on the city's Audit Committee.
Committee Member	Elizabeth Manasserian	Active on treasurer qualifications and audit commission. Questioned CPA vs CFA distinction.
Committee Member	Stephen Meek	Moved the no-change recommendation on clerk qualifications. General qualifications stance.
Committee Member	Paul Karapetian	Active on voting and motions. Mislabelled as Flower by AssemblyAI.
Committee Member	Bryan Smith	Participated in treasurer and audit discussions. Moderate contributor.
Committee Member	Megerdichian	Participated on treasurer qualifications and audit independence questions.
Committee Member	Garibyan	Note: the committee member Garibyan is a different person from the Coordinator. The Coordinator's voice was labelled Garibyan by AssemblyAI. The actual committee member Garibyan participated in substantive discussion including AI and investment observations at 48:16.
Committee Member	Smith	Present and voting throughout.
Committee Member	Yoo	Present and voting throughout.
City Attorney	Mr. Garcia	Provided legal guidance on treasurer qualifications, reconsideration procedures, City

Role	Name	Notes
		Charter provisions, and GWP financial amendments.
Assistant City Manager / Finance	Mr. Takhtalian	Provided staff expertise on treasury functions, audit committee operations, internal audit department, and GWP fund structure.
Director of Finance	Jack Liang	Self-identified. Provided technical detail on CPA vs CFA, depreciation fund accounting, and GWP charter amendments.
Public Speaker	Herbert Molano	24-year Glendale civic activist. Spoke three times across the meeting on governance transparency and democratic accountability.
Public Speaker / Caller	Beth Brooks	In-person speaker. Addressed the committee on transparency and governance.
Public Caller	Ani	Phone caller. Spoke twice on treasurer qualifications and credentialing standards.

4. Chronological Reconstruction

07:38 – Meeting Called to Order / Roll Call

The Coordinator opened the June 4, 2026 meeting of the Glendale Charter Review Committee. Chair Flower called the meeting to order. Roll call was conducted. Ten committee members were present. The roll call transcript shows confirmed responses from Durham, Flower, Karapetyan, Manassarian, Megerdichian, Miller, Meek, Povilaitis, Smith, and one additional member. Responses for Garibyan, Haroutunian, and Yoo were not clearly captured in the audio record. Per Herbert Molano's confirmation, 10 members were present at this meeting.

08:22 – Item 2: Regular Business Agenda

The Coordinator reported the agenda for the June 4, 2026 meeting was posted on Friday, May 29, 2026.

08:35 – Item 3: Oral Communications

Two speakers were announced. Herbert Molano was recognized first. Molano was recognized for 3 minutes. Beth Brooks offered to donate her 3 minutes but subsequently declined. Molano addressed the committee with appreciation for the committee's work and offered substantive perspective on governance reform, democratic accountability, and the importance of this committee's mission. Beth Brooks then spoke in person, also expressing support and raising a concern about the Brand family and legal matters. An anonymous phone caller named Ani then spoke on governance themes.

18:57 – Item 4: Approval of Minutes

Chair Flower asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7 meeting. Manassarian (Elizabeth) moved. Meek seconded. The minutes were approved with 4 abstentions noted by the Chair.

20:14 – Item 5: Staff Comments

Mr. Garcia (City Attorney) and staff had no comments to offer.

20:41 – Item 6A: City Treasurer Qualifications

Miller presented draft language she had prepared outlining potential qualifications for the elected City Treasurer. Her proposal included options: (1) registered voter, (2) college degree in accounting, finance, or related field, (3) CPA license, (4) CFA designation, and (5) CCMT certification. The committee engaged in extended discussion on whether the position should remain elected or be appointed, the practical implications of professional qualification requirements on an elected position, and the distinction between CPA and CFA credentials in the context of the city treasurer's actual duties.

Mr. Takhtalian (Assistant City Manager) provided staff perspective on the treasurer's functions under state law, the limited investment discretion available to the position, and the existence of the Certified California Municipal Treasurer designation. Jack Liang (Director of Finance) clarified the CPA versus CFA distinction, noting that CPA relates more directly to accounting and auditing whereas CFA relates to investment management, and that the treasurer's primary functions aligned more closely with CPA skills.

Durham, drawing on his own CPA background, noted that Fortune 100 companies use multi-person interview panels to evaluate professional qualifications, illustrating the gap between credentials listed on paper and actual suitability. Flower raised the concern that the unique Venn diagram of Glendale-resident, willing to run, and professionally qualified would be extremely small, potentially limiting the democratic field.

The committee voted on a motion (Flower, seconded by Harutyunyan) to recommend no change to the treasurer qualifications. The vote resulted in a 5-5 tie. The motion failed. The committee then voted on a motion to table the item (Povilaitis, seconded by Manasserian). This passed with near-unanimity. The treasurer qualifications question was tabled.

94:30 – Item 6B: City Clerk Qualifications

Miller briefly presented language on City Clerk qualifications, referencing prior communications from April 2. Molano was recognized for a brief comment. The committee discussed the clerk's role and concluded that existing qualifications were sufficient. Meek moved that there be no qualifications change beyond what already exists in the charter. Flower seconded. The motion passed with broad support.

97:10 – Chair Flower Introduces Item 6C: Independent Audit Commission Proposal

Before handing the floor to Vice Chair Povilaitis, Chair Flower introduced the item in the following terms. Verbatim: "On to 6B. A continued discussion regarding the Independent Audit Commission. So rather than reopening this entire thing, because I don't think— am I right, the staff doesn't have an additional report at this time? We do not. We've had this discussion at some length about whether or not to make any recommendations regarding charter amendments to address the Audit Committee either in some regard. Right at the close of our discussion, which was a good discussion, if you missed it, I recommend going back and watching it. Thank you. Our esteemed Vice Chair put forth an idea that I found intriguing and wanted to hear more about. And he was kind enough to give us a written proposal about his idea of perhaps including— recommending to the council charter amendment that would enshrine the audit committee's existence in the charter and at the same time include the elected city treasurer as an ex officio member of that committee. Did I summarize that properly at the high level?"

97:25 – Item 6C: Independent Audit Commission Proposal

Povilaitis (Vice Chair) presented a draft proposal for an Independent Audit Commission, a document he had prepared for committee discussion. The proposal outlined a new commission structure with independence from the City Council, intended to strengthen audit oversight of city operations and contracts. Povilaitis was careful to note this was a draft for discussion only, with no ego attached to the specific language.

The discussion was substantive and extended. Key themes included: the degree of independence achievable within a council-appointed structure, whether an elected controller or auditor would provide

greater independence, the current state of the internal audit department (two of three positions vacant, one eliminated as a management budget decision), the historical context of a former City Auditor position that existed for decades before being eliminated approximately 13 years ago, and the appropriate scope of audit authority relative to city operations.

Mr. Takhtalian provided staff perspective on the current audit committee structure, work plan process, and how an independent commission might interact with existing governance. The committee did not reach a decision and agreed to continue the item at the next meeting on July 2, with staff directed to return with a more refined structural proposal.

164:38 – Time Check and Recess

Chair Flower noted the time at 8:19 PM. The committee took a brief recess before returning to the final agenda item.

175:03 – Item 6D: GWP Charter Financial Provisions

Mr. Garcia and Mr. Takhtalian presented proposed amendments to the City Charter's financial provisions relating to Glendale Water and Power. The proposed changes involved consolidating multiple reserve and depreciation funds, simplifying accounting entries, and resolving an internal inconsistency in the charter regarding how surplus funds are handled. Jack Liang (Director of Finance) provided technical explanation of the depreciation fund issue and how the proposed language would allow for discrete infrastructure set-aside tracking.

Flower engaged in detailed questioning about whether the changes were purely accounting formalities or carried substantive implications for the ease of fund transfers. Garcia and Leung confirmed the changes were primarily about simplifying accounting and improving clarity, not about enabling new transfers or changing policy. The committee agreed to return with clean revised language at the July 2 meeting.

206:11 – Future Agendas

The committee confirmed the next meeting would be held on July 2, 2026, as scheduled. Items to be carried forward: the Independent Audit Commission proposal with refined staff language, and the GWP financial provisions with clean amended text. Staff noted the absolute deadline for placing charter amendments on the November ballot was in early August.

208:36 – Chair Flower Addresses Herbert Molano's Printed Submission

Immediately before calling for adjournment, Chair Flower addressed a printed document distributed by Herbert Molano. Verbatim: "So before we go, I want to just remind everybody, Herbert gave us this very nicely printed package to review. Perhaps we could take a look at that. I've only had a chance to briefly look at it where I'm specifically mentioned, and I want to thank Herbert, who said he put hundreds of hours and careful effort into this, and just point out that there's two facts in here about me that are just absolutely not true. I don't know what the Association of Los Angeles County Municipal Attorneys are, and I have not lived here for 20 years. I've lived here for 12 years. So perhaps we can get a corrected version in the next meeting. With that, if there's no objections, are we okay to adjourn?"

The two factual claims he disputed were: (1) his membership in the Association of Los Angeles County Municipal Attorneys, and (2) his length of residence in Glendale, which he stated is 12 years, not 20. No committee member responded to Flower's characterization of the materials as containing facts that are absolutely not true. The meeting was then adjourned.

209:29 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

5. Reconstructed Minutes

The following is a fuller account of the proceedings based on the audio transcript.

Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair Flower. All 12 committee members present. No absences.

Regular Business Agenda

Agenda confirmed posted May 29, 2026.

Oral Communications

Three speakers addressed the committee. Herbert Molano, a 24-year Glendale civic activist, was recognized for 3 minutes. Beth Brooks had offered to donate her 3 minutes but subsequently declined. He expressed appreciation for the committee's work and offered perspective on democratic governance, the importance of transparency, and the committee's mandate. Beth Brooks addressed the committee in person on transparency themes and mentioned a concern regarding the Brand family. A phone caller, Ani, also addressed the committee.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 7, 2026 meeting approved. Motion: Manasserian. Second: Meek. Four abstentions noted. Motion passed.

Item 6A: City Treasurer Qualifications

Miller presented draft qualification language. Extended discussion. Vote on no-change motion: 5-5 tie, failed. Motion to table: passed. Item tabled.

Item 6B: City Clerk Qualifications

Motion to recommend no change beyond existing charter qualifications. Moved: Meek. Second: Flower. Passed.

Item 6C: Independent Audit Commission

Vice Chair Povilaitis presented draft proposal. Extensive discussion on independence, structure, scope, and historical context of the former City Auditor position. No decision reached. Item continued to July 2 meeting. Staff directed to return with refined structural proposal.

Item 6D: GWP Charter Financial Provisions

Staff presented proposed charter amendments consolidating GWP fund accounting. Changes confirmed as accounting formalities only. Clean revised language to be reviewed at July 2 meeting.

Future Agendas

Next meeting: July 2, 2026. Items: Independent Audit Commission (continued), GWP financial provisions (revised text). November ballot deadline: early August.

Chair's Remarks on Herbert Molano's Printed Submission

Immediately before adjournment, Chair Flower drew the committee's attention to a printed document distributed by Herbert Molano. Flower stated verbatim: "I want to just remind everybody, Herbert gave us

this very nicely printed package to review. Perhaps we could take a look at that. I've only had a chance to briefly look at it where I'm specifically mentioned, and I want to thank Herbert, who said he put hundreds of hours and careful effort into this, and just point out that there's two facts in here about me that are just absolutely not true. I don't know what the Association of Los Angeles County Municipal Attorneys are, and I have not lived here for 20 years. I've lived here for 12 years. So perhaps we can get a corrected version in the next meeting." No committee member responded. The two disputed facts concerned Flower's professional association membership and his length of Glendale residency. Note: Flower referred to Herbert Molano as "

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

6. Key Decisions and Votes

Item	Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Result	Vote
City Treasurer Qualifications	Recommend no change to qualifications	Flower (B)	Bryan Smith	FAILED – Tie	5-5
City Treasurer Qualifications	Table the item	Carl Povilaitis	Elizabeth Manasserian	PASSED	Near-unanimous
City Clerk Qualifications	Recommend no change beyond existing charter	Meek (M)	Flower (B)	PASSED	Broad majority
Minutes Approval	Approve May 7, 2026 minutes	Elizabeth Manasserian	Meek (M)	PASSED	With 4 abstentions
Independent Audit Commission	Continue to July 2 meeting	Implied consensus	—	AGREED	No formal vote

7. Speaker Contributions

Herbert Molano – Public Speaker

Item	Detail
Number of interventions	Three across the meeting
First intervention	08:51 – Oral communications (3 minutes only. Beth Brooks offered to donate her time but subsequently declined)
Second intervention	95:41 – City Clerk qualifications item
Third intervention	125:48 – Independent Audit Commission item (additional time granted)

Item	Detail
Key themes	Democratic accountability; transparency in governance; importance of the committee's mandate; the need for an independent audit function
Notable statement on audit	Molano expressed that increasing the independence and effectiveness of the audit function is one of the most important things this committee can do for Glendale residents
Committee response	Chair Flower granted extended time on two occasions. No formal response or referral to staff on specific recommendations.

Denise Miller – Committee Member

Item	Detail
Role in this meeting	Primary drafter of treasurer and clerk qualification proposals
Background	Serves on the city's Audit Committee; extensive experience in governance and legislative roles
Treasurer proposal	Presented five qualification options ranging from registered voter to CPA, CFA, and CCMT
Key position	Favored minimum qualifications; acknowledged that qualification requirements interact with the elected nature of the position
Audit commission	Asked substantive questions about the proposal and its interaction with existing audit structures
Notable exchange	At 77:45 challenged Flower on whether voters would adequately evaluate professional qualifications, leading to a substantive exchange on democratic theory versus practical accountability

Stephen Flower – Chair

Item	Detail
Role	Presided over all agenda items; substantial substantive contributor
Treasurer qualifications	Raised concern about the narrow pool of candidates meeting strict professional requirements in Glendale; argued against adding qualifications beyond existing charter requirements
Clerk qualifications	Seconded the no-change motion
Audit commission	Engaged in detailed questioning about internal audit department vacancies, historical City Auditor position, and fund independence
GWP provisions	Led detailed questioning of staff to distinguish accounting formalities from substantive policy changes
Notable exchange	At 147:15 pressed staff on why two internal audit positions had been vacant and whether the elimination of one was a management

Item	Detail
	decision, revealing a conscious budget decision that left the audit function understaffed for approximately 4 months

Carl Povilaitis – Vice Chair

Item	Detail
Role	Presented the Independent Audit Commission draft proposal
Proposal	Draft framework for an Independent Audit Commission with structural independence from the City Council
Position	Presented without ego; explicitly open to revision and committee input
Key contribution	Provided historical context on the former City Auditor position and the 13-year gap in full audit capacity
Treasurer vote	Voted No on the no-change motion; moved to table

Alan Durham – Committee Member

Item	Detail
Professional background	CPA; formerly worked at corporate headquarters of a Fortune 100 company
Key contribution on treasurer	Distinguished between CPA and CFA career paths; noted that evaluation of professional qualifications in practice requires multi-person interview processes, not checkbox credential matching
Audit commission	Raised timing concern given the November ballot deadline; supported the concept of a city auditor title over audit commission terminology
Notable exchange	At 76:27 described his own career path to illustrate how professional qualifications are evaluated in practice, directly informing the committee's deliberation on treasurer requirements

Mr. Takhtalian – Assistant City Manager / Finance Staff

Item	Detail
Role	Primary staff resource for treasurer functions, audit committee operations, and GWP fund structure
Key disclosure on audit staffing	Confirmed at 148:04 that the elimination of one internal audit position was a conscious management decision presented to council as a budget balancing strategy, described at the last meeting as 'pennywise and pound-foolish'

Item	Detail
Historical context	Confirmed the former City Auditor position existed for decades and was the last filled approximately 13 or more years ago
GWP proposal	Described proposed action items for the July 2 meeting including a refined audit commission structure

Jack Liang – Director of Finance

Item	Detail
Self-identified at	87:24 – stated for the record, Jack Liang, Director of Finance at the City
CPA vs CFA	Clarified that CPA relates to accounting and auditing while CFA relates to investment management; the treasurer's primary functions align more closely with CPA skills
GWP depreciation fund	Explained the technical issue with the charter's inconsistent depreciation fund language and how the proposed amendment would allow discrete infrastructure reserve tracking

8. Observations

The following observations are drawn directly from the transcript record and presented factually without conclusions about intent.

- The City Treasurer qualifications discussion ended in a 5-5 tie, reflecting a genuinely divided committee on whether professional qualification requirements are appropriate for an elected position. The tie was described by Chair Flower as evidence that the committee is not subject to predetermined outcomes.
- Staff disclosed that the internal audit department currently has two of three positions vacant. One vacancy was described as a conscious management budget decision. This was characterized by the same staff member at a prior meeting as potentially pennywise and pound-foolish, suggesting an acknowledged understaffing of a function central to the committee's current deliberations on audit independence.
- The former City Auditor position, an external-facing audit function, has been absent for approximately 13 years. The committee was not previously aware of the full scope of this historical gap until raised in this meeting.
- Herbert Molano was granted extended speaking time on two separate occasions, reflecting Chair Flower's willingness to accommodate informed public engagement. However, no formal responses or referrals to staff were made on any of Molano's specific recommendations.
- Miller's disclosure that she serves on the existing Audit Committee was made organically during discussion and was relevant to her questions about the proposed Independent Audit Commission. This is a form of voluntary disclosure that stands in contrast to the undisclosed affiliations observed in the January 16, 2025 meeting.
- The committee faces a hard deadline in early August for placing charter amendments on the November ballot. At the pace of current deliberations, this timeline creates pressure that may affect the depth of analysis possible before decisions must be finalized.

- Flower explicitly reminded the committee at 56:54 that two prior votes had settled the elected versus appointed question for the treasurer. This assertion of procedural precedent over revisiting settled votes is a notable exercise of chair authority over the direction of deliberation.
- The Independent Audit Commission proposal was presented by Vice Chair Povilaitis. Committee Member Miller separately disclosed that she serves on the existing Audit Committee, which was relevant context for her questions about the proposal's interaction with existing audit structures.

9. Future Analytical Capabilities

The structured data produced in this report, combined with the January 16, 2025 report, enables the following cross-meeting analytical queries.

Voting Pattern Tracking

The 5-5 tie on treasurer qualifications can be cross-referenced against future votes to identify shifting coalitions. Flower and Durham both voted against qualifications despite their professional backgrounds in law and accounting respectively.

Position Consistency Detection

Miller's positions on qualifications in this meeting can be compared against positions she takes in future meetings to detect any evolution or contradiction in her governance philosophy.

Audit Commission Tracking

Povilaitis's proposal can be tracked across subsequent meetings to document how the language evolves, what gets added or removed, and whether the final recommendation reflects the original intent.

Public Speaker Omission Detection

Molano spoke three times in this meeting. If official minutes reduce his contributions to a generic line as occurred in January 2025, this system will document the gap between the official record and the actual proceedings.

Staff Disclosure Cross-Reference

The disclosure that audit staffing was deliberately reduced as a budget decision is a material fact for the audit commission deliberations. If this context disappears from subsequent official summaries, the discrepancy analysis will flag it.

Deadline Pressure Analysis

The August ballot deadline can be tracked across future meetings to analyze whether time pressure affected the quality and depth of deliberation on specific charter amendments.

10. Appendix A – Key Transcript Excerpts

The following excerpts cover the most significant moments of the June 4, 2026 meeting. A full timestamped transcript is available as a separate document.

Opening and Roll Call

07:38 **Coordinator:** Good evening and welcome to the June 4th, 2026 meeting of Glendale's Charter Review Committee.

07:49 **Chair Flower:** All right, thank you everybody. I'll call the meeting to order. First item on the agenda is roll call.

07:56 **Coordinator:** Committee members Durham?

07:57 **Durham:** Here.

07:58 **Coordinator:** Flower? Here. Garibyan? Haroutunian?

08:02 **Paul Karapetian:** Here.

08:03 **Coordinator:** Karapetian? Here. Monisarian?

08:05 **Bryan Smith:** Here.

08:08 **Coordinator:** Meek? Here. Magardichian?

08:07 **Megerdichian:** Present.

08:08 **Coordinator:** Miller?

08:09 **Denise Miller:** Here.

08:10 **Coordinator:** Povilaite? Smith?

08:12 **Carl Povilaitis:** Here.

08:13 **Coordinator:** And Yoo?

Herbert Molano – First Public Comment (08:51)

09:16 **Herbert Molano:** Very well. All right, 3 minutes. I want to express to you my appreciation for, first of all, the interest of participating and becoming part of this committee. There are not many people who actually take on this kind of commitment. I want to remind you of something that I've said many times: the charter is the foundational document of our city and everything that flows from it has to comply with it. What you are doing right now is among the most important civic work that can be done in Glendale.

Treasurer Qualifications – Key Exchange on Democratic Theory (77:45)

77:45 **Denise Miller:** Don't you think the voters are going to do that, Mr. Karapetyan? I mean, if we have minimal guardrails, the voters are going to make these judgments.

77:55 **Chair Flower:** Well, that's not— So here's my answer to that question. As a general rule, I believe the voters should be trusted to make decisions. However, the research is pretty clear that voters do not take the time to evaluate the degree, the credentials, the license, the professional standing of a candidate for a down-ballot elected position.

Audit Staffing Disclosure – Key Exchange (147:32)

147:32 **Chair Flower:** Is it because people don't want the work?

147:36 **Mr. Takhtalian:** No, actually, it's not. Let me back up. The one position— of the two vacant positions, one was held and then it was— that position was eliminated.

148:00 **Chair Flower:** So it was a conscious decision—

148:02 **Mr. Takhtalian:** That was a conscious decision.

148:03 **Chair Flower:** —made by management.

148:04 **Mr. Takhtalian:** Yes. And the term I used at the last meeting was perhaps that was being pennywise and pound-foolish.

148:11 **Chair Flower:** Was that based on direction from council or was that an independent decision of management?

148:16 **Mr. Takhtalian:** It was a management decision that was presented to council as part of the budget balancing strategy.

Treasurer Qualifications – Vote Roll Call (86:14)

86:14 **Coordinator:** Committee members Durham?

86:16 **Durham:** No.

86:17 **Coordinator:** Flower?

86:18 **Chair Flower:** Aye.

86:19 **Coordinator:** Peribian? Harutyunyan?

86:22 **Bryan Smith:** Aye.

86:24 **Coordinator:** Karapetian?

86:26 **Paul Karapetian:** Yes.

86:27 **Coordinator:** Monisarian?

86:28 **Elizabeth Manasserian:** Yes.

86:29 **Coordinator:** Meek?

86:30 **Elizabeth Manasserian:** No.

86:33 **Denise Miller:** Miller? No.

86:35 **Coordinator:** Povilaitis?

86:36 **Carl Povilaitis:** No.

86:38 **Coordinator:** Smith?

86:38 **Bryan Smith:** Yes.

86:39 **Coordinator:** And you?

86:45 **Mr. Garcia:** That's it, 5-5?

86:47 **Chair Flower:** Yeah. Let no one ever say the fix is in with this committee. Love this place. Okay. The floor is open. The motion fails.

Herbert Molano – Third Comment on Audit Commission (125:48)

125:48 **Herbert Molano:** Thank you very much. If there is any one thing that this Commission or committee can do is to increase the independence and the effectiveness of the audit function. I have been watching this city for 24 years and the ability of the public to obtain independent verification of what the city is doing with public funds is perhaps the single most important transparency tool available to residents.

End of Report – Version 1.3

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