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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees convenes tonight at seven in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St. for its first regular meeting of 2016. Notable agenda items include consideration of MOUs to establish dual enrollment programs between Peralta and high schools in Alameda and Berkeley; a $24.9K increase, to $104.9K in general funds, in the district's contract with tech consultant Ferrilli; and a $40K deal with LA Jones & Associates to consult on developing "sponsorship leads for 2016 Chancellor's Inauguration events."

At a special Jan. 5 meeting, the board appointed Krista Johns interim president of BCC. Johns, a lawyer, comes to Peralta from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, where she served under former Vista President Barbara Beno as VP of Policy and Research. The Novato-based commission, which last June issued warnings to BCC and Laney and imposed probation on CoA and Merritt, has been under fire since its controversial 2013 decision to disaccredit City College of San Francisco. Before joining ACCJC, Johns did stints as VPI at BCC and dean at DVC.

Elsewhere:

*Nomination forms for the 74th Annual Convention of the California Federation of Teachers, PFT's state-level parent union, went into faculty boxes this week. The 2016 edition of the convention, "Activate Labor for Justice," will be held at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco; PFT can send as many as 23 delegates, and will cover up to $200 in expenses for five part-time and five full-time faculty members. Nomination forms are due at the PFT offices by 4 p.m. on Feb. 3.

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