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Trustees of the Peralta Community College District hold what they're calling a retreat this afternoon at five in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St. The confab takes the place of the board's regular fourth-Tuesday get-together, but—unlike the usual public meetings—it won't be streamed or televised.

The agenda features nearly four hours' worth of administrative reports, including 45 minutes from Chancellor Jowel C. Laguerre, whose evaluation the board will take up in a closed session preceding the public portion of the meeting.

Yashica Crawford, the chancellor's chief of staff, will present on the district's strategic plan, and VC of General Services Sadiq Ikharo will cover the facilities master plan. Joining the administrative parade will be Assoc. VC Melvinia King (on workforce development) and VCs Luis Padraja and Norma Ambriz-Galaviz (on dual enrollment and charter/private schools).

PFT takes a particular interest in two items. Benefits Manager Jennifer Seibert will discuss Obamacare's "Cadillac tax" provision, a clause that could lead to bumps in healthcare costs for some public employees. And as sections keep getting cut—and as the district keeps increasing spending on administration—CFO Ron Little's planned remarks on Measure B also demand attention. The parcel tax was sold to East Bay voters in 2012 as a way for the colleges to continue "providing core academic programs including math, science and English; training students for successful careers; and educating students to transfer to university."

In other news:

*PFT is set to meet with district-side negotiators Oct. 26 as comprehensive contract talks continue. The teams have made progress on a number of issues but have yet to reach agreement on salary and benefits. Look for PFT updates in the weeks ahead.

*CFT's Fred Glass, part-time CCSF labor studies prof and long-time PFT supporter, will give a talk, "Come Here, Get Rich: Immigration, Upward Mobility and California Labor History," Th., Oct. 27, 6-7:30 p.m. at the UC Berkeley Labor Center at 2521 Channing Way. The talk is free and open to the public.

*Ballots for Laney and Merritt Co-Chair seats on the Executive Council are due tomorrow (Wed., Oct 26) to the PFT office by 4:00 p.m. Follow voting instructions carefully to make sure your vote is counted.

*All faculty are encouraged to attend our General Membership Meeting on Wed., Nov. 9 at noon. We will meet for lunch in Laney College room F-200.

*CoA faculty: Please join us for a chapter lunch meeting on Mon., Nov. 14 at 11:30 a.m. in room D-207.

*This week is Campus Equity Week for Part-time faculty in California. All faculty, students, and staff are invited to attend a pizza event on Thurs., Oct. 27 at noon in Laney College room E 255B. RSVP to Cynthia Mahabir, Part-Time Faculty Representative, at cmlaney2003@yahoo.com so we have enough food.

*As election season comes to a close, we need to make a final push to help elect Karen Weinstein as a PCCD Trustee and pass Prop 55. Let us know if you are able to volunteer for these events:

- Sun., Oct. 30, 12:00-4:00 p.m.: Oakland precinct walk. Meeting @ the

Alameda Labor Council, 7750 Pardee Lane, Oakland 94621

- Tues., Nov. 1. 5:00- 8:00 p.m.: Phone bank at the Alameda Labor Council.

- Phone Banking for Karen Weinstein, every Wednesday and Sunday nights, 4:00-7:00 pm., 1810 Solano Ave, Berkeley. Contact: Winnie Anderson to confirm, (510) 375-9035

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