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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees takes up a relatively light agenda tonight at seven at [333 E. Eighth St.](#) But an off-agenda news item brings heavy intrigue to tonight's proceedings.

The meeting is the first since word got out that Chancellor Jowel C. Laguerre—whose contract the board has extended twice since his 2015 arrival—[interviewed for the top job](#) at Hudson County Community College in New Jersey.

In his 4/18 C-Direct, Laguerre says, "I will have a permanent place in my heart for Peralta regardless of what I do in the future." It's hard not to read the statement as a valediction.

Before he goes, PFT hopes the chancellor will reduce spending at the DO, protect class sections, and start fixing the colleges' crumbling infrastructure—now *that'd* be a fine farewell.

In other news:

*[Register for PFT's Mayday for May Day Conference](#), set for this Fri., April 27, at Berkeley City College, 12-7 p.m. Speakers will include elected public officials, union leaders, and community organizers, coming together to discuss labor's response to [Janus](#), the antiunion case the Supreme Court will decide in June.

*The seniority provision of the Part-time Faculty Rehire Preference Pool is in effect for classes scheduled for fall 2018. Department chairs and college administrators are urged to familiarize themselves with Article 30.H.3 of the current [PFT contract](#).

*Laney College has voted in Miriam Zamora-Kantor as its new campus representative. Miriam, a counselor, is a dedicated union activist who has worked in the district more than 20 years. PFT looks forward to having her back on the Executive Council!

*The California Federation of Teachers recognized PFT in four separate categories at its 2018 Communications Awards, part of CFT's March statewide convention. PFT's quarterly newsletter, the *Peralta Teacher*, and its e-Communique/PCCD Board Watch combo earned second-place honors. "Warning: Peralta Is in Fiscal Trouble . . . Again!" took third place for features, and a membership meeting announcement designed by staffer Kayla Lewis scored an honorable mention in the Best Flyer or Poster competition. Look for big changes in PFT's communications program in the months ahead!

In solidarity,

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