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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees holds its sole October meeting tonight at seven in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St. This evening's rap session marks the trustees' last ahead of the Nov. 6 election, which will decide two hotly contested board seats (see below).

Also going before East Bay voters in the fall poll are a pair of Peralta-related tax measures: [Measure E](#), a renewal of the \$48-per-parcel levy put into place six years ago, and [Measure G](#), an \$800 million facilities bond issue.

So whatever happens next month, count on lively conversations around the Peralta family Thanksgiving dinner table.

Tonight trustees will take up, apparently in response to concerns raised about the district's use of the last parcel tax, a resolution on [parcel tax accountability](#), as well as revised board policies on the parcel tax and the Citizens' Oversight Committee.

The consent calendar—made up of items not expected to elicit trustee discussion—includes a \$289K annual contract with Oracle for ongoing PeopleSoft upgrades and an \$89K increase for smart-room installation at Laney (the ask for additional money comes from an error in the original request for \$2.7 million).

And, of course, the board's evaluation of the chancellor continues its run as the board's weirdest long-standing agenda item.

In other news:

\*Jennifer Shanoski, PFT's top elected official, will hold a presidential office hour Wed., Oct. 10, 12-1 p.m., in Room C 201 at College of Alameda, [555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Parkway](#). Faculty should stop by with questions, concerns, ideas, feedback, etc.

\*The [Laney Tower newspaper](#) is sponsoring a PCCD BoT candidates night, Wed., Oct. 17, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Laney College Forum. Incumbents [Bill Riley](#) and [Linda Handy](#) and their respective challengers, [Cindi Reiss](#) and [Corean Todd](#), will participate. *Tower* editor-in-chief Michelle Snider moderates. For more information, contact Burt Dragin, Laney College Journalism Department chair, at [bdragin@peralta.edu](mailto:bdragin@peralta.edu).

\*PFT will offer a new-member orientation session Mon., Oct. 29, 6-8 p.m., at the union offices at 500 E. Eighth St., Suite B. Learn about your union, meet new sisters and brothers, and enjoy some light refreshments.

\*The PFT executive council would like to express support for SEIU's decision to hold the district accountable to legal settlements, contractual obligations, and California Education Code mandates. Peralta's continued over-reliance on part-time/hourly faculty and staff does not promote a strong district that supports its faculty, staff, and, most importantly, students. We stand in solidarity with our SEIU sisters and brothers and support the hiring of full-time staff who will do the work required for our programs, classes, and community.

In solidarity,

Jennifer Shanoski, President

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