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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees holds its final meeting of 2018 tonight at seven at 333 E. Eighth St. And the year ends with big changes looming in the boardroom.

West Valley prof Cindi Reiss takes over the Area 5 seat from Bill Riley, voted out two decades after he first took office. Julina Bonilla, reelected unopposed, and Linda Handy, survivor of a tough challenge from community activist Corean Todd, return to the district's biggest stage with Meredith Brown, Karen Weinstein, Bill Withrow, and Nicky Gonzalez Yuen.

PFT foresees a fresh dynamic taking shape on the dais immediately, as trustees kick off the term by electing new officers: president, VP, and secretary. They'll then take up a 34-page agenda with a few potentially interesting items. Among those PFT is watching:

The district will sunshine contract articles it plans to negotiate with Local 1603, including, curiously, those on academic freedom and management rights. The board will also hear a bond presentation that includes "competitive selection of Bond staff," an odd note given that the district has plenty of staff in place.

The protracted OnePeralta update staggers on, with discussion of a "governance structure" booked for tonight. PFT wonders what the district has in mind in setting up a "governance structure" completely outside the formal participatory governance structure required by state law.

In other news:

*[Celebrate the swearing in of Cindi Reiss](#), the just-elected rep on the PCCD Board of Trustees, tonight Tu., Dec. 11, 5-7 p.m., at the union offices. With overwhelming faculty support, Reiss—community college art historian, ACCJC commissioner, and state-level academic senator—won the Oakland hills seat by more than 44 points.

*Throw down at [PFT's 2018 Holiday Party](#), Th., Dec. 13, 5-7 p.m., at the union offices. The annual bacchanal, always the district's liveliest get-together, is open to all faculty and staff—and, no kidding, administrators and board members, too. RSVP at union@pft1603.org.

*Help PFT bring warmth to folks in need this holiday season by donating blankets and winter clothing, part of the [union's collaboration with St. Vincent de Paul of Oakland](#). Drop off donations at the PFT offices by Th., Dec. 13.

*[Nominations for delegates](#) to the 2019 Convention of the California Federation of Teachers are due to the PFT offices by 2 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 14.

In solidarity,

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