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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees reconvenes for a regularly scheduled meeting tonight at seven at 333 E. Eighth St. This evening's session marks the third appearance by the new-look board, led by a fresh majority determined to keep the district on the straight and narrow. Expect another late night in the boardroom.

Board-watchers' favorite perpetually unaddressed agenda item—Chancellor Jowel C. Laguerre's evaluation—is again on trustees' to-do list. Also up for consideration: Laguerre's facilities bond update, a leftover from the Jan. 8 meeting. Still unclear: why the chancellor, not General Services, is taking the lead on bond management.

Other oddities include a budget presentation not made available for public review in advance of the meeting; a ONEPeralta update unchanged since its first appearance on an agenda late last year; and three matters Director of Capital Projects & Facilities Kelle Lynch-McMahon will handle, even though her contract expired Jan. 15. And the chancellor is pushing a revamp of the citizens' oversight committees that doesn't acknowledge new board policies and administrative procedures developed through the shared-governance process.

Trustees will also mull an audit report suggesting that Peralta will comply with the 50% law—which requires that districts spend half their general-fund money in the classroom—by a vanishingly thin .07 margin. The report also holds that district books show a significant deficiency in capital assets, with a “reconciliation of construction in progress not performed accurately” (a repeat finding); it further expresses serious concern about Peralta's handling of financial aid.

In other news:

*Faculty are invited to join the PFT at [Lake Chalet](#) for a welcome back happy hour 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30. PFT is buying members their first drink!

*Ballots for the [100th Annual CFT Convention](#) are due in the PFT office by Friday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m.

In solidarity,

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