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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees holds its first meeting of 2019 tonight at seven in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St. With concern swelling over the district's financial health, trustees ordered the previously unscheduled meeting at their Dec. 11 get-together.

This evening Chancellor Jowel C. Laguerre will present a [formal request to the state legislature](#) for audit assistance, as well as an [official appeal to the state chancellor's office](#) for guidance with "efficiencies," fiscal health, and enrollment management.

The district administration's cry for help on issues related to financial management follows years of warnings from PFT and a late-2018 letter from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

Other agenda items of interest include two carryovers from the board's last meeting—a bond presentation and a report on the ONEPeralta IT project—and consideration of bringing district security services, currently contracted out, in house.

Trustees will also weigh adding [\\$50K to a contract](#) with the law firm Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong for, as the language in the original deal put it, "providing consulting services to the Office of Human Resources & Employee Relations in matters related to employee relation matters."

In other news:

*Rally with PFT and educators from around the state in support of Oakland and Los Angeles teachers Sat., Jan. 12, at noon, in [Frank H Ogawa Plaza](#). Members of the United Teachers of Los Angeles and the Oakland Education Association are moving quickly toward calling strikes, and they need our support. Wear red or PFT orange!

In solidarity,

Jennifer Shanoski, President

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