

PCCD Board Watch (12.13.16 ed.)

At its Dec. 13 meeting, the last of the school year, the PCCD Board of Trustees welcomed its newest member, Karen Weinstein, sworn in with three of her recently re-upped colleagues: Meredith Brown, Nicky Gonzalez Yuen, and Bill Withrow.

The board promptly elected Julina Bonilla its new president, Trustee Brown its VP. Cy Gulassa, a faculty friend who retired after a dozen years on the board, was saluted in a warm pre-meeting ceremony.

Coming out of closed session, trustees announced the hiring of ten administrators, including Tim Karas as CoA president, Jason Santos Cifra as BCC VPSS, and four district-level managers. Also tapped: Karen Engel and Lilia Celhay as interim deans at CoA, Rosemary Delia (dean, workforce development) and Herb Kitchen (interim director, student activities) at Merritt.

All consent calendar items were passed unanimously, notably a resolution in support of undocumented students. Faculty representatives from the Peralta Association of Chicanos and Latinos di Aztlan spoke in favor of the resolution and urged that Peralta become a sanctuary community. PACLA's John Saenz, Isela Gonzalez Santana, and Mario Rivas were joined by BCC student Carolina Martinez and Igor Tregub, president of the East Bay Young Democrats.

Beyond the boardroom:

*Don't miss PFT's annual holiday party, today, Th., Dec. 15, 4-6 p.m., at union HQ, 500 E. Eighth St., Ste. B, Oakland, across the intersection from district A&R. Faculty, staff, administrators, board members, and families are all invited. Count on lots of food, drink, and seasonal cheer!

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