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**Fw: PCCD Board Watch (9.12.17 ed.)**

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**From:** Jennifer Shanoski  
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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees met Sept. 12 for the first time this academic year. A four-hour marathon, the session saw lively debate and passionate faculty testimony.

Public comments featured a number of speakers from Laney concerned about the Oakland Athletics' interest in building a ballpark at the current location of the district office. (Just before the meeting, the A's delivered a letter to Chancellor Jowel Laguerre formally announcing their interest in developing the PCCD site.) Among faculty speaking out against a possible stadium: Peter Brown (Machine Tech), Alicia Caballero-Christenson (Ethnic Studies), Kimberly King (Psychology), Evelyn Lord (Library), and Chris Weidenbach (English).

Brad Balukjian (Biology, Merritt) and Blake Johnson (History, Laney) urged the board to make sure faculty and other stakeholders take part in any A's-PCCD negotiations. PFT will hold a series of listening sessions for members to weigh in on the development of a union position on the stadium proposal. The first of these meetings will be held on Th., Sept. 21 from 12-2 p.m. at the PFT offices ([500 E. 8th St. Suite B](#)).

The Sept. 12 meeting also saw Trustees approve the consent calendar unanimously, a highly produced presentation on students' summer trips to China, a presentation on an updated Facilities Master Plan, and approval of the district budget (with one abstention from Trustee Weinstein) after a short public comments period without any comments.

Trustees asked about an assessment of PeopleSoft, questioned how increasing the amount of money going to investigations was part of the "new Peralta way," asked how conflicts could be identified if contract principles weren't clearly identified, and grappled with the role of student Trustees in voting procedures.

The board canceled its Sept. 26 meeting, and adjourned the evening in memory of Ed Jaramillo, the late PFT president.

PFT reminders:

\*Laney Chapter Meeting: Mon., Sept. 18, 12-2 p.m., Forum.

\*General Membership Meeting (GMM), Tu., Sept. 19, 12:15-1:15 p.m., TLC-341, Berkeley City College.

\*Executive Council Meeting: Th., Sept. 21, 3-5 p.m., PFT HQ, [500 E. Eighth St., Ste. B.](#)

\*Honor the passing of Ed Jaramillo, who's obituary appeared in today's East Bay Times: Alameda County Community Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.

In solidarity,

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9.12.17 BoT Remarks (at 37:45)