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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees meets tonight at 7:30 in the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St. A special "study session," set for six o'clock, pushed the start of the regular meeting half an hour.

During the early parley, trustees will pore over a presentation on the five-year integrated financial plan, developed in response to concerns raised by the colleges' accreditor. The doc describes existing structures—e.g., participatory governance committees and Peralta's budget allocation model—that the district aims to overhaul.

While the DO hasn't paid much mind to such plans in the past, there's reason to hope that changes on the board and in the chancellor's office could lead to a different outcome this time. Trustees will also use the study session to consult with [Collaborative Brain Trust](#).

In regular session, an item calling for a first reading of [BP 6250](#) returns to the agenda (after being considered at the March 26 meeting in violation of a PFT-PCCD agreement). The BP comes back after the district promised to honor commitments to employee salaries and benefits before fattening its reserves.

Trustees will also mull extending the contract of the interim Executive Director of Public Information, a position that appeared on the district's (quick-thaw) frozen list and was filled without input from faculty and staff. The EDPI deal goes before the board even as Laney and CoA ask for \$15K apiece for ads and marketing.

Missing from the agenda but present on my many Peralta minds: the hole left by newly departed CFO Romaneir Johnson. Who might step into the district's top money-manager role remains to be seen.

In other news:

*Hear from leaders of the [National Teacher Strike Wave](#), Sat., April 13, 3-5 p.m., at Malcolm X Elementary School ([1731 Prince St., Berkeley](#)). The forum, free and open to the public, will feature activist educators from West Virginia, Arizona, Los Angeles, and Oakland. PFT is a proud co-sponsor of the event.

*The Alameda Labor Council will offer a workshop on unions' role in fighting environmental degradation, [Convergence on Climate](#), Sat. April 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Zero Net Energy Center ([14600 Catalina St., San Leandro](#)). [Registration is free](#) and includes lunch.

*PFT Executive Council elections are underway—check your home mailboxes for ballots!. Votes are due at the PFT office by Wed., May 8 at 4 p.m.

In solidarity,

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