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The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees returns to the boardroom at 333 E. Eighth St. tonight at seven, its first public appearance with the district's newest employee, Chancellor Regina Stanback Stroud.

Stanback Stroud takes over from Acting Chancellor Fran White, who last month announced her resignation after a brief stint at the helm. Stanback Stroud, a longtime Oakland resident and former Skyline College president, moved in yesterday to find her new digs rather crowded.

The Financial Crisis and Management Assistance Team recently **called out the district office** for its excessive number of vice chancellors (six). Also at the district water cooler these days: state fiscal monitor **Jim Austin**, brought in under White and Julina Bonilla, the board president, to help PCCD get its books in order.

And things are only going to get busier at the DO tonight, with scores of PFT members preparing, for the third time this semester, to bring their concerns to trustees.

In addition to the union's simple contract demands—parity for part-timers, a pass-through of state-funded COLAs for three years—the board and freshly minted chancellor will get the **411** on the district's 311.

Of particular interest in the district's report to the state: Peralta's continued redirection of parcel tax money, an eyebrow-raising effort to nudge the district onto the right side of the 50% law. Taxpayers understood their money would go toward adding class sections; the district persists in using the bulk of it to cover non-instructional costs. The budget trustees approved last spring designated three-quarters of the \$8M to instruction; but now we're seeing that Peralta's using just \$2M to pay teachers. Go figure.

Trustees will also consider Measure A expenditures, including \$426K for fixes to the district's relatively new security camera system and \$885K for construction management work that would appear to be the remit of the Office of General Services.

PFT has a few thoughts about how to reduce the crush at district HQ.

In other news:

***Third time's a charm:** Join PFT's Contract Action Team (CAT) tonight at six at the union offices (500 E. Eighth St., catty-corner from district A&R), as faculty members gear up to take their demands for a fair contract to the board meeting. Sign-making materials and pizza provided.

***U-N-I-T-Y:** PFT launches its 2019-20 unity campaign Wed., Oct. 23, 12-2 p.m., at Laney (T450). The campaign is an effort to bring together instructors, counselors, librarians, and nurses—full- and part-time alike—to support the shared fight for better wages and working conditions. For more information, contact PFT Diversity Chair Kimberly King at profkimberly@yahoo.com.

***Night Gallery**: Don't miss the next PFT General Membership Meeting—a rare evening affair, to get in the Halloween spirit—Wed., Oct. 30, 5-6:30 p.m., in the Merritt College Art Gallery (S 352). Agenda items include a CAT update, negotiations reports, and consideration of recent actions by the PFT Executive Council. **RSVP** so we have plenty of treats on hand.

In solidarity,

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