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With all the Golden State now sheltering in place, the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees holds its second consecutive virtual gabfest tonight at seven (last week's was a special meeting, tonight's is a regularly scheduled affair).

The meeting will be live-streamed on [YouTube](#). Members of the public who'd like to participate should register in advance for the [Zoom meeting](#) and email board clerk Brenda Martinez (bmartinez@peralta.edu; "Public Communication" in the subject line).

Last's week's hastily called meeting featured one item: a resolution to grant Chancellor Regina Stanback Stroud emergency powers. After a 4-3 decision to block amendments from Trustees Nicky Gonzalez Yuen and Cindi Napoli-Abella Reiss, the board passed a temporary version set to expire tonight. A revision featuring the language backed by Gonzalez Yuen, Napoli-Abella Reiss, and Karen Weinstein seems likely to win the unanimous support it needs for passage this evening. PFT is pleased that the board and chancellor worked together to improve the resolution, and it looks forward to doing its part to keep Peralta moving amid the mounting challenges of the moment.

Also on the agenda this evening: a series of OPEB-related moves (Peralta got tangled up in swaps following the 2008 financial crisis--here's to savvy bond management out of the DO this time around); SEIU's new contract; a cost of living adjustment for unrepresented employees; and the appointment of a new president at Berkeley City College. Vying for BCC's top job are James E. Todd, Asst. Superintendent/VPI at San Joaquin River Delta, and Angelica Garcia, VPSS at Skyline, Stanback Stroud's former employer.

In other news:

*Please keep a recent union resolution in mind, all the more urgent given the current uncertainty: "To help limit the loss of part-time jobs, the PFT Executive Council urges full-time faculty not to request extra-service assignments, including during the summer and intersession. Keeping faculty employed, particularly in tough economic times, is a fundamental concern of our union."

*PFT has filed an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) charge against the district for failing to negotiate over its cancellation of classes. Members are encouraged to [read the charge](#) for themselves on Local 1603's website. PFT hopes and expects that the district will work with the union, as required by both law and the *esprit de corps* necessary to get through a crisis, as we continue efforts to serve the community.

*The California Federation of Teachers, PFT's state-level parent organization, has compiled a variety of [excellent COVID-19 resources](#). Please take a look!

In solidarity,

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