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Tonight at six the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees meets via Zoom, as the state's shelter-at-home order continues into its second month. The colleges and district office are to stay dark through June 30.

Among agenda items PFT is keeping tabs on is a \$76K contract with the consulting firm Collaborative Brain Trust ("CBT") to develop a technology master plan. (Plans properly are the work of participatory governance committees; Peralta remains without an IT chief two months after the abrupt departure of VC Minh Lam.) CBT has long found ample business opportunities at 333 E. Eighth St.

Also of interest to the union: an amended resolution to extend Chancellor Regina Stanback Stroud's emergency powers through May 3. The res includes assurances that the "District is committed to working closely with all collective bargaining units, the Academic Senate, the classified senates, and other appropriate District constituencies, as it deals with the complicated and varied questions that will arise in the coming weeks and how a transition to a remote operations environment will impact its students, faculty and staff." PFT resolves to help the DO honor its commitment.

The meeting streams live on [YouTube](#). Members of the public, including faculty, who'd like to address the board must now request a Zoom invitation by noon on meeting days from Board Clerk Brenda Martinez (bmartinez@peralta.edu). And don't expect to see the public as we have been relegated to audio-only connection.

In other news:

*The DO has advised PFT that COLAs and retro pay will go out to full-time faculty this month, and that part-time faculty will see their COLAs in May. The district is working out the timeline for part-timers' retro pay.

*Laney and CoA faculty: don't miss your upcoming virtual chapter meetings: Laney, Th., 4/23, and CoA, Th., 4/30. Both sessions run 12-1:30 p.m. [RSVP today!](#)

*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."

*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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