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Another second Tuesday, another webinar.

The Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees meets virtually tonight at six. Public participation is limited to watching on [YouTube](#) and requesting a public speaking slot via email (requests are due to bmartinez@peralta.edu by noon today).

The district is requesting \$6M for a long-discussed upgrade to PeopleSoft, the pricey Oracle enterprise system Peralta has struggled for years to make good use of. Presenting the item is Delisle Warden, interim General Counsel and Chief of Staff, whose portfolio now includes IT, too. Warden joined the district administration in January after serving as Dean of Global Learning at Skyline College, PCCD Chancellor Regina Stanback Stroud's last employer; IT's tech expertise comes from Director Antoine Mehoulley.

Trustees will also take up a resolution affirming the district's "[unwavering commitment to student success and equity](#)" during the pandemic--fine and stirring words that PFT hopes will be matched by concrete actions to provide faculty and staff with the resources they need to educate and serve students properly. A [bond presentation](#) by consultant AECOM shows up on tonight's agenda as well.

The evening's session marks the first since last week's special meeting, whose lone agenda item was the chancellor's evaluation. Neither PFT nor DAS was invited to participate in the evaluation, and it's unclear if faculty played any role whatsoever. So far, no official word from trustees on their only report's first six months.

In other news:

*The "necessary discussions" mentioned in the chancellor's [5/11 announcement](#) re fall 2020? Those would be legally required negotiations with Locals 1603 and 1021, and PFT looks forward to them.

*The DO let PFT know that half of full-timers got their COLAs and retro pay last month; the second half should see theirs in May. Part-timers are supposed to see their COLAs this month, and the district continues to work on PT retro pay.

*Make the union's recent resolution a mantra: "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, has put together a list of [excellent COVID-19 resources](#)--keep them handy.

In solidarity,

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