



PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026
Meeting Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: Peralta District Board Room
333 8th Street, Oakland, CA 94606
Zoom Video Conference Meeting ID: 869-9121-4146

Committee Members

Mr. Robert Shoffner, Chair
[Mr. William Higgs, Vice-Chair](#)
Ms. Tammy Le
Mr. Thomas Mulvihill
Ms. Irene Kisch
[Mr. Doug Lindsey](#)
Ms. Myoshi Broadnax

[Note: Blue identified as absent or vacant members above.](#)

PCCD Staff Present:

Mr. Dave Vigo, Director of Fiscal Services (formerly Budget Director), Finance & Administration
Mr. Richard Ferreira, Executive Assistant, Administrative Services (Minutes)

Guests:

(None)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm with quorum by Chair Shoffner.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

[Motion to approve the Agenda with the correction of the Minutes date. Correct date of the Minutes for the Agenda was April 22, 2026.](#)
[Motion approved unanimously.](#)

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

[Motion to approve the Minutes from April 22, 2026, with no changes.](#)
[Motion approved unanimously.](#)



4. Public Comments

Announcement made that both Greg Nelson, Deputy Chancellor & Chief Operating Officer and Dr. Marla Williams-Powell, Associate Vice Chancellor of Finance & Administration send their regrets that they were not able to attend. They both understand the importance of the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee and plan to attend the next meeting.

We are excited that Fall 2026 classes began last week.

The Peralta Foundation is hosting the Peralta Pumpkin Pursuit 5K & 10K Race at Merritt College on Saturday, October 17, 2026. We encouraging people to spread the word and come out and participate.

5. FY 2025-26 Year-to-Date Parcel Tax Expenditures Report – 4th Quarter

Dave Vigo, Director of Fiscal Services presented to the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee a review of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 fourth quarter expenditures and discuss the approval of Measure 2026, which received overwhelming voter support with 87% approval.

The agenda item focused on reviewing FY 2025-26 fourth quarter and final parcel tax expense reporting, with total expenditures totaling \$8 million and no remaining balance. The largest portion of spending was on faculty salaries and benefits, with part-time instructional faculty being the largest single line item at \$5.2 million. No Parcel Tax funds were used to pay Administrator salaries. During the discussion, a question was raised about whether part-time instructors receive uniform contracts across different college within our district and districts in the state.

College Budget Allocation Review discussion focused on reviewing budget allocations across four colleges, centered on how funds are distributed based on college needs and priorities. Key spending areas were identified, including Chemistry, Math, English, Tutoring, and various science programs. Total allocations approaching \$8 million out of a broader \$200 million budget. It was clarified that Parcel Tax funds are primarily used for core educational courses while general funds support additional programs like Aeronautics, and they discussed an upcoming merger of two colleges of Laney & Merritt Colleges to be Oakland City College scheduled for June 26-28.

[Correct the supporting document to properly list "Physiology" under the appropriate college and update the documents for everyone.](#)



Peralta Community College District

There was a breakdown of the main areas of expenditures for each college as follows.

Berkeley City College

Chemistry
English
Mathematics
Biology
Laboratory Science Technology

College of Alameda

Mathematics
Chemistry
Speech Communication
Library
English

Laney College

Mathematics
Tutoring
Spanish
English (Not English as a Second Language ESL)
Ethnic Studies

Merritt College

Physiology (includes Anatomy)
Speech Communication
Psychology
Biotechnology and Biomedical
English

Oakland City College Consolidation Proposal

The committee discussed the proposed consolidation of Laney College and Merritt College into one college called Oakland City College and requested information on timelines.

The consolidation aims to reduce administrative staff, eliminate program duplication, and potentially improve enrollment trends. While both locations would be maintained, Merritt would become a center rather than a separate college. The discussion also touched on the benefits of consolidation, including reducing duplication of courses and efforts between the two institutions.



6. New 2026 Measure A – Parcel Tax

The committee discussed a nine-year authorization for a \$8 million annual parcel tax, which maintains the current rate without increases. The District's Governing Board placed on the June 2, 2026 election ballot a special tax to maintain and enhance quality education for the students of the Peralta Community College District; and, the District's Governing Board submitted Measure E – Parcel tax, a special tax which was approved by 87.13% of the electorate.

It was questioned the reason there were no increases with the costs increasing each year. It was determined by administration that the best support from the community would be to submit the Parcel Tax with no changes to what was previously done. It was noted that other college districts like Chabot/Las Positas was not able to get the passing votes and we want the funding and to keep all community members on board. It was also noted that \$8 million on a small part of the overall funding for the colleges, however, important to keeping classes offered and ensuring that funding is spent only on instruction.

7. Meeting Schedule

Future meetings tentative scheduled for:

Wednesday December 2, 2026, at 3:00 pm

Wednesday March 10, 2027, at 3:00 pm

Wednesday September 8, 2027, at 3:00 pm

[Send out calendar invites for the next meetings.](#)

8. Other Announcements

Request made to send the Bylaws to the Chair.

Presidents from each college would be invited to the next meeting to discuss enrollment and educational priorities.

9. Adjournment

The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.