

PCCD Unification Taskforce Meeting

NOTES

Thursday, September 10, 2026, from 12pm to 2pm, PCCD Boardroom

Taskforce Goal: Develop an actionable plan for transforming into a three-college district, including programmatic, operational, accreditation, and communication components, to ensure a smooth and equitable transition.

- ✓ Taskforce Members present in-person:
- ✓ Nancy Cayton (Service Employees International Union)
- ✓ Richard Thoele (Service Employees International Union)
- ✓ Yang Hu (Peralta Classified Senate)
- ✓ Chandra Brewer (Peralta Classified Senate)
- ✓ Jeff Sanceri (Peralta Federation of Teachers)
- ✓ Jennifer Shanoski (Peralta Federation of Teachers)
- ✓ Leslie Blackie (District Academic Senate)
- ✓ Tom Renbarger (District Academic Senate)
- ✓ Tina Vasconcellos (Administrator)
- ✓ Gary Albury (Administrator)
- ✓ Amy Lee (Administrator)
- ✓ David Johnson (Administrator)
- ✓ Rebecca Opsata (Administrator)
- ✓ Andrea Gilmore (Student)
- ✓ Rhashad Norton (Student)
- To Be Determined (Student)

Taskforce Members online or absent:

- Tammeil Gilkerson (Facilitator, Administrator)

Agenda Items

1 Welcome

Tina Vasconcellos welcomed the committee members and public and started the meeting at 12:17pm.

2 Public Comment

No Public Comment

3 Review Notes from May 14, 2026, meeting

May 14th Notes were accepted without changes.

4 External Partner Milestones

A. ACCJC

- ACCJC approved the Laney College name change to Oakland City College, effective July 1, 2027. The next application will add Merritt College as a location under Oakland City College.

B. ASSIST (transfer pathways)

- ASSIST confirmed that currently articulated Laney and Merritt courses submitted on October 12th will transfer to CSU and UC as-is for Fall 2027. Future course-to-course reviews may still require changes.

C. Department of Education

- The Department of Education process will address the name change and new location separately. Laney's OPEID will remain as the parent identifier; Merritt will receive a location OPEID and will not independently award financial aid.

D. State Chancellor's Office Funding Protection

- The district will retain four-college funding protections through 2029-30, with a three-college model beginning in 2029-30 and funding protection ending in 2030-31.
- Categorical funding protections and carryover flexibility will continue through the transition. The district reported approximately \$4.7 million in categorical carryover and 113 categorical programs.
- Enrollment declined by approximately 546 FTES year over year, requiring data-informed scheduling and enrollment planning.
- Mandatory Pregnancy Leave funds starting in January under the new labor law that's going into effect.
- Student Centered Funding formula now relies on a three-year rolling average or the highest of the three years based on what the State Chancellor's Office has given us for direction based on the budget trailer bill.
- Changes related to categorical funding are as follows: 2.87% COLA for various programs, and 5.74% COLA for Student Equity and Achievement Grant. COLA is higher since SEA has not seen an increase in funding for about 5-6 years which brings an additional \$500,000 for SEA funds that can be used for basic needs, etc.
- Peralta is receiving Physical Plant Instructional Support (PPIS) in the amount of \$1.3 million that will be used for deferred maintenance into bait hazmat materials.

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5 OCC College Logo & Mascot Survey

a. Mascot Design Contest

- A Peralta announcement call to vote on the Oakland City College mascot and logo was sent to the Peralta Community. Once the 1st level of voting is complete, a student competition will be launched to create a mascot in which a 2nd level of voting will commence.
- J. Shanoski makes the recommendation to open the competition to faculty and staff to participate along with students as a Peralta Community in

creating a mascot. T. Vasconcellos confirms that the recommendation can be made to Chancellor Gilkerson.

6 District Academic Senate (DAS) Shared Governance & Constitutional Convention Update

- Laney and Merritt Academic Senates will dissolve as of July 1st, 2027, when the name change to Oakland City College takes effect.
- Upon agreement between the Merritt and Laney Academic Senate, a joint meeting was held where it was proposed and determined that a joint Senate ad hoc committee will develop a new Oakland City College Academic Senate constitution which will be presented to DAS.
- A constitutional convention was held on August 28th where a bicameral (a two-house constitution) and a unicameral constitution (a one house constitution) proposal was presented and will go before the joint Senate ad hoc committee to determine whether to choose either constitutional pathway, edit them, or write an entirely new one to present to the Merritt and Laney Senates for 1st and 2nd reads and finalize a new constitution which will become part of the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges once approved by the full faculty. Faculty voting will be held in November.
- District discipline discussion topic will be on the DAS agenda to give faculty the opportunity to provide input to address concerns about Pathways to Possibilities.

7 Transformation Plan Updates

- a. Dual & Concurrent Enrollment
 - Implementation plans are being developed for dual and concurrent enrollment, distance education, evening/weekend programming, program duplication, and student services.
 - Taskforce members are being asked if they will continue to serve and/or new appointments will be made.
 - Some Dual & Concurrent Enrollment recommendations are as follows: Dual and Concurrent Enrollment will be phased in with each college creating two pathways that phases in one year after the other.
- b. Distance Education
 - There are five recommendations for pathways; one will be CAL-GETC and other degrees which will be phased in and offered fully online.
 - Data review will be part of the process to determine the campus location that is best suited and has the capacity to offer the online degrees.
 - Substantive curriculum changes will need to be submitted and must go through an approval process to offer a degree fully online.

- c. Evening & Weekend Instruction
 - Evening & Weekend college is also known as Online Weekend and Night College (OWN). Oakland City College was recommended as the location for OWN with integrated student services and instruction.
 - Two pathways were recommended. Business Administration and an Associate degree in Science.
 - The focus will be to review the recommendations and what implementation looks like, create a timeline, and launch.
 - SSEMC will meet on September 11th to begin working through program duplication and evening/weekend college to identify the process and how we will work with the colleges on implementation.
- d. Curriculum & Program Alignment
 - Faculty have done a lot of work between Laney and Merritt on looking at the course outliner records and selecting which course they want to select to submit for the single inventory of course outliner records for Oakland City College.
 - There are 12 programs with degrees or certificates that are duplicated between Laney and Merritt. Faculty department chairs were asked to review.
 - Laney and Merritt course and program alignment must be finalized by late September; curriculum changes are due by October 5th for external submission on October 12th. New Oakland City College curriculum cannot be approved until the college exists in 2027.

8 Update Recommendation Pathways to Possibilities

- a. District Flex: Districtwide Discipline Feedback
- b. Student Affairs Design Retreat (October)
 - Student Affairs Retreat is planned for October 9th. (Rescheduled to October 29th from 8:30am-5:00pm)

9 Next Steps

- a. Communication Plan
 - Fall 2027 launch of Oakland City College website.
 - Catalog build to occur in Spring 2027

10 Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm