#### PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC)

# MINUTES February 22, 2019 District Board Room

## **Membership**

Romaneir Johnson, VC Finance & Administration, PBC Chair/Presiding
Fred Bourgoin, Senate President, Co-Chair
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Scott Barringer, Local 39 Representative
Jamille Teer, SEIU Representative
Adil Ahmed, Budget Director
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Tim Karas, College of Alameda President
Kawanna S. Rollins, Classified Senate Representative
Tina Vasconcellos, Vice President of Student Services,
Dominique Benavides, Institutional Researcher, Designee
\*Vacant, Student Representative

(14 members total—Quorum is 8)

Richard Ferreira, Executive Assistant, Finance and Administration, PBC note taker (non-voting)

#### **PBC** Attendance

#### **Present:**

Romaneir Johnson, VC Finance & Administration, PBC Chair/Presiding Fred Bourgoin, Senate President, Co-Chair Donald Moore, DAS President Mario Rivas, Senate President Jennifer Shanoski, President PFT Scott Barringer, Local 39 Representative Jamille Teer, SEIU Representative Adil Ahmed, Budget Director Marie-Elaine Burns, Merritt College President Tim Karas, College of Alameda President Kawanna S. Rollins, Classified Senate Representative Tina Vasconcellos, Vice President of Student Services, COA Dominique Benavides, Institutional Researcher, Designee

### Absent:

None

#### **Guests:**

Joseph Bielanski, Articulation Officer, District
Derek Pinto, Vice President of Administrative Services, Laney
Victoria Menzies, Busines Director, Merritt
Sui Song, Principal Financial Analyst, District
Chanelle Whittaker, Interim VC of Human Resources/Benefits
Siri Brown, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs
Kelly Pernell, Faculty, BCC
Chungwai Chum, Principal Financial Analyst
Brad Balukjian, Faculty, Merritt
Ahmed Ali, Director of Fiscal Services, District
Brandon Harrison, Auditor, VTD

Agenda Item	Committee Goal	Action	Outcome
I.			
A. Call to Order			Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. Quorum met.
B. Adoption of the Agenda			Recommendation that item G. ACCJC Framework/Update be removed from the PBC Agenda and will be part of the Joint PBC/PGC meeting.
			Motion and seconded to adopt the amended Agenda.  Motion approved unanimously.
C. Approval of Minutes February 8, 2019	The PBC adopted a single goal that the Committee recommend a		Recommendation that the minutes reflect an Action column to assist with follow through of any action items.
	coordinated, district- wide planning methodology and calendar.	ACTION ITEM	Motion and seconded that the minutes are approved with the recommendation to add an Action Column.  Motion approved unanimoulsy.
II. DISCUSSION/ APPROVAL ITEMS  A. Audit – Brandon Harrison from VTD, Presentation			Brandon Harrison from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP. provided a presentation and update Audit. He welcomed any questions. Financial statements are managements' statements and what they do is to come in an audit those financial statements and check for Federal and State compliance.

Unmodified opinion issued on the financial statements which means that as the information presented to you (by the District) the audit firm believes there is a mis-statement. There could have been adjustments or corrections.

Important to note: Summary at the beginning of the Audit Report provide a good condenced amount of information.

OPEB Liability \$203 million. District has trust funds set aside, however, it is a large liability with assets set aside for it. More funds may need to be paid out of the General Funds. These are management decisions to be made. OPEB Bonds are different then general obligation bonds construction is paid by the tax payers. OPEB Bonds can result in using general fund monies.

Interest rate swaps funds costs are coming out of the general fund. Liability is about \$25 million. Payments are being made on interest rate swaps. Management needs to make the decisions to address these concerns also.

Three opinions were unmodified opionions. There was no material effect on the financial statements regarding grants. Federal and State significant deficiencies were noted.

First finding discussed the process regarding new administration in the Finance Department. Controls are not operating effectively. With changes if the controls are operatinve effectively then administrative changes should not be a concern. Finding for multiple years. Needs to be a clear Corrective Action Plan, presented and updated continuously.

Second finding was regarding Fixed (Capital) Assest, noted also in the past, the District needs to be reconciled monthly or quarterly. The District reconciles at the end of the year which is inefficient and a large project to undertake and difficult to complete accurately.

Third finding was related to Financial Aid Assistance in regards to Return to Title IV (RTTF) must be completed within a 45 day period. This is a Federal requirement not being calculated or followed.

Next finding was related to Financial Aid. Colleges need to report to Federal Government all the disbursements completed in a timely manner within 15 days. Noted not completed within the timeline.

New requirement that the apprentiship courses did not have the proper documentation to support the student's attendance. Small number but needed to be reported to the State Chancellor's Office.

For the past couple of years, the District has not adopted or followed up on a Corrective Action Plan so the Auditors are required to inquire.

Concerns and inquiries included the auditors responsibility and VTD stated that they may only provide a professional opinion and that the decisions need to be made by management.

Thanked Brandon Harrison from VTD for his presentation and information.

		Acknowledgement was given to the Finance Department for
		their job in reconciling (the financial statements).
	ACTION ITEM	Motion and seconded that we have extensive training to the PBC of understanding the Audit findings including how best to monitor ongoing finance processes and needed corrections. This training should be connected or included with the PBC processes and it should be memorialized (written down).
		Discussion included needing to look at the charge for the PBC before making this determination. There was also a concern on how much the committee understood the motion.
		Motion and seconded to table this motion (on extensive training of the Audit findings) and return to it with more understanding in the future. Motion passed.
B. BAM – No Meeting/ Update		There is no update at this time.
	ACTION ITEM	Motion and seconded that the positions appointed to BAM committee be continuous and to appoint to this committee adding one other administrator as a Vice President of Instruction or Vice President of Student Services. Also, a PFT representative. Motion passed.
		Concern about following up on PBC BAM subcommittee and that the PBC needed to establish clearly the charge and members. The BAM Taskforce presented a revised number and it was not agreed upon because there were too many peoplefor the committee. A decision was then not made.

		Clarity is needed in changes when referring to compliance with the state to allocate resources.
	ACTION ITEM	Motion and seconded to charge BAM based on a new model (formula) based on the 5 Year Plan and report/ update to the PBC the work that needs to be completed by the end of March. Motion passed.
C. BP/AP – Joseph Bielanski - BP 6250		This item was addressed at the Joint PBC/PGC Meeting.
		Motion and seconded to adopt BP 6250. Motion passed unanimously at the Joint PBC/PGC meeting.
D. Measure G – Proposal		To be discussed in a future meeting.
E. Vacancy List		To be discussed in a future meeting.
F. Budget Updates		To be discussed in a future meeting.
G. ACCJC Framework/Update		To be addressed as part of the PBC/PGC Joint meeting.
III. Next Meeting		Next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2019 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.
IV. Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.