

Peralta Community College District  
Resolution 09/10-7

Resolution of the Governing Board calling for a formal review by the State Chancellor of claims made recently in the local media

**W**hereas, the Governing Board of The Peralta Colleges has a fiduciary responsibility to the residents of our Northern Alameda County Service Area; and

Whereas, recent articles in a local media outlet have questioned the ethics and practices within The Peralta Colleges; and

Whereas, the Board is responsible to the residents of our Service Area for providing oversight of the institution to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and policy, and

Whereas, public perception of the institution may have been compromised, and

Whereas, the Board recognizes that the voters of our Service Area have been very generous in supporting bond measures that have provided necessary resources to address the serious deterioration of the facilities and equipment that are necessary to adequately prepare our students to become productive members of our society and to address the needs of workforce development that is so important to the improvement of our local economy; and

Whereas, the public has a right to know the facts relating to bond measure expenditures to ensure transparency with respect to proper authorization and both a legal and ethical expenditure, and

Whereas, the Board understands that open and transparent government is in the best interest of the public, and

Whereas, the Board has the ultimate authority and commensurate responsibility to ensure quality and integrity of education within The Peralta Colleges, as defined by Section IV of the Accreditation Guidelines, along with maintaining high standards in good governance; therefore be it

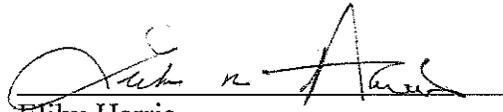
**R**esolved, that the Board President will request that the State Chancellor of the California Community Colleges appoint an individual of stature and independence to work with the Inspector General and the General Counsel of The Peralta Colleges to conduct a formal review of claims of impropriety by local media reports, and further be it

Resolved that the Inspector General is empowered by the Board to assist the designated individual in the review and will have unfettered access to records, documents, personnel, financial information, etc, and further be it

Resolved that the board declares that the fact finding process and follow-on action be deemed to be a top priority of The Peralta Colleges; and further be it

Resolved that the board will take appropriate action, if and where necessary.

APPROVED by the following vote at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Governing Board on July 21, 2009 by a unanimous vote.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elihu Harris", written over a horizontal line.

Elihu Harris

Chancellor and Secretary of the Board