



CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Center for Advanced Research and Technology (CART) was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
COOK	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present		
KONCZAL	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present*	Present		
MESFIN	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent		
AWTREY	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present		
WITTRUP	Present	Present	Absent	Present*	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent		
HER	Present	Proxy	Proxy	Present	Proxy	Present	Proxy	Present	Proxy		
FOLMER	Proxy	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		
ADMINISTRATORS											
STAFF											
WATSON	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		
BYNUM	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present		
PARKER	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent		

Jeremy Ward, FUSD Assistant Superintendent, College and Career Readiness, was in proxy for Superintendent, Her.

ATTENDANCE

MCU [Konczal/Awtrey] to approve the Agenda for April 8, 2025.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [Folmer/Konczal] to approve the Minutes for March 11, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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1. Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship Lab.
 - a. Digital Marketing and Entrepreneurship student presentations. Teacher, Brett Rosander introduced three lab students, Logan Wulf, Supreet Kaur and Jose Manuel Diaz Barragan, who presented a google slides presentation highlighting their Entrepreneur Projects. Mr. Rosander explained to the Board the curriculum and requirements for the projects. Their projects included “KeyPrint Studios”, keychain printing by Logan Wulf, “Luster & Lather” luxury soaps, by Supreet Kaur, and “Detail Freak, Mobile Detailing” by Jose Manuel Diaz Barragan. Each student shared with the Board how and why they created the business (products) they chose, and how they marketed their business through Social Media outlets.
 - b. Mr. Rosander shared the Digital Marketing & Entrepreneurship Lab’s upcoming events. The Entrepreneur Expo on Friday, April 25, 2025, the Student Entrepreneurship Competition at Fresno State, hosted by Craig School of Business Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

MCU [Folmer/Her] to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECK REGISTER

Approve purchase orders from March 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025, and numbered: 030425CL; 030425RF; 030525RF; 030625RF; 030625WB; 030725RF; 031125CL; 031125RF; 031325WB; 031825CL; 032025WB; 032525CL; 032625WB.

1. Approval of Conference Requests
N/A

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUESTS

2. Approval of Student Field Trips
N/A

APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

ACTION
N/A

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INFORMATION
N/A

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STAFF REPORTS

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C.E.O. Dr. Watson shared several recent CART activities and highlights.

1. Staff retirees; Jodi Silva, English Teacher Tech Labs, as well as our Counselor, Tina Chandler have submitted their retirement papers. We are processing the English Teacher position through FUSD. Our Counselor position is being processed through both FUSD and CUSD, with the help of Norm Anderson through CUSD and Jeremy Ward, along with the FUSD Counseling Department through FUSD. Filling this position is a bit complex, so Norm and Jeremy explained the process from their district view.
2. CART 2025-2030 Technology Plan Draft.
We have been working with the Tech Departments and Budget Finance Departments of both Districts to draft a plan for CART's future Tech needs. Susan Rutledge, Assistant Superintendent Business Services, CUSD, Kim Kelstrom, Chief Executive Fiscal Services, FUSD, and Chief Financial Officer, Business Services, FUSD will be meeting to see if we can agree on a small additional contribution each year to offset future needs and cost increases.
3. Joint CART/CUSD/FUSD Board Meeting was held March 11, 2025. Thank you to all of you and your fellow Board Members for their attendance. Our Community Roundtable members really enjoyed their time with you all.
4. ELA testing is wrapped up last week in our English classes. This is quite a logistical machine. Staci is finishing up the last of the makeup tests. Our goal is to make the 95% testing completion rate.
5. CART Scholarship Applications have been screened and reviewed by two committees and student scholarships interviews are currently taking place for, Weber family, Clovis Kiwanis and Fresno Scottish

Rite scholarship donors. Approximately 120 seniors will be recognized at our Senior Awards night on May 5, 2025, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the CART Theater.

6. We have many CART Spring Showcase events coming up soon.
 - a. The Multimedia Angel Awards were held last week.
 - b. April 24th is our Biotechnology Lab Open House and the Psychology Research Symposium nights.
 - c. April 25th is our Digital Marketing & Entrepreneurship Lab Expo.
 - d. April 30th is our Law Lab Mock Trial Night.
 - e. May 13th CART's Spring Showcase event, with several labs participating, Environmental Science, Forensics Research, Biomedicine, Business/Finance and all Tech Labs.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.

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MSCU=Motion (*Board Member making the motion listed*), Second (*Board Member making the second listed*), Carried Unanimously

MSC=Motion, Second, Carried (*Board members voting NO listed.*)

MSF=Motion, Second, Failed (*Board members voting NO listed.*)