



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, May 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:10 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	Present	
KONCZAL	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present*	Present	Absent	
MESFIN	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	
AWTREY	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	
WITTRUP	Present	Present	Absent	Present*	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	
HER	Present	Proxy	Proxy	Present	Proxy	Present	Proxy	Present	Proxy	Proxy	
FOLMER	Proxy	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	
ADMINISTRATORS											
STAFF											
WATSON	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	
BYNUM	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	
PARKER	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	

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

ATTENDANCE

MCU [Awtrey/Mesfin] to approve the Agenda for May 27, 2025.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [Awtrey/Ward] to approve the Minutes for April 8, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
N/A

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MCU [Awtrey/Wittrup] to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & 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.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECK REGISTER

1. Approval of Conference Requests N/A

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUESTS

2. Approval of Student Field Trips N/A

APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

PUBLIC HEARING

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1. Public Hearing for the 2025-26 Annual Adopted Budget
Public Hearing called to order at 4:12 p.m.
There were no public comments.
Public Hearing adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

ACTION

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1. CART Annual Third Quarter Financial Report
MCU [Wittrup/Ward] to approve the CART Annual Third Quarter Financial Report.
2. Appointment/Employment of Individual(s)
MCU [Awtrey/Wittrup] to approve the hire of Isaac Reyna, FUSD as the new CART School Counselor.

INFORMATION

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N/A

STAFF REPORTS

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- C.E.O. Dr. Watson shared several recent CART activities and highlights.
1. Last month at our April Board Meeting, we had our three Digital Marketing/Entrepreneurship students share their projects. The following week, they and all the DME students held their Expo. The DME Expo was great and very exciting. Collectively the students sold about \$9500 at the event and many took additional orders.
 2. During the last part of April our Psychology, Biotech and Law Labs, held their Annual Spring Showcase events. The students were very excited for the event and many family members and friends attended.
 3. May 5th, we held our Senior Scholarship Awards ceremony. We honored 118 students with \$63,850 in scholarships. Norm Anderson was in attendance along with the Cook Family. We appreciate the Board Members, Cook Family and Affinity Trucking Co., who donate scholarships to CART students.
 4. May 7th, CART hosted a delegation of Taiwanese Medical Professionals and Technology Entrepreneurs. The Fresno group of professionals hosting this group hope that local manufacturers will be able to manufacture their portable AI Medical Diagnostic devices. Their innovation villages are, Agriculture, Patient Care, Logistics/Transportation and Manufacturing. It was CART's honor to host this group and my honor to be asked to join their Advisory Board.
 5. May 14th, FCSS Office, Angelina Reynosa, Leadership Coach Community Schools, brought to CART, 100 Community School Leaders from all over the county. They were here to learn about our process for fostering and maintaining community partners and mentors.
 6. May 13th and 15th, we had our last two Spring Showcase events. May 13th was our Technology, Biomed, Business, Forensics and Environmental Science Labs, Annual Showcase events. May 15th, was our Engineering, Manufacturing and Robotics Lab event.
 7. May 19th, Kelli, Staci and Dr. Watson, attended the Fresno Scottish Rite Masonic dinner where they recognized their nine CART student Scottish Rite Scholarship awardees and their families. They awarded nine scholarships this year in the amount of \$1,000 each. \$9,000 is a very generous amount for our students. The Scottish Rite group is a delightful group that love giving scholarships to our students.

- 1 8. This Friday, May 30th is our CARTival. This is a retention activity for our
2 returning juniors. There are games designed by each lab and the
3 students compete with each other. At the conclusion there is a raffle for
4 prizes donated by the staff.
5 9. We have had a very busy and wonderful conclusion to our 2024-2025
6 school year.

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

**PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS**

10 The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
11 Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.

ADJOURNMENT

12 CART 05.27.25 TC/kp
13 MSCU=Motion (*Board Member making the motion listed*), Second (*Board*
14 *Member making the second listed*), Carried Unanimously
15 MSC=Motion, Second, Carried (*Board members voting NO listed.*)
16 MSF=Motion, Second, Failed (*Board members voting NO listed.*)
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