



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, June 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:13 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	Present
KONCZAL	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present*	Present	Absent	Present
MESFIN	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present
AWTREY	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present
WITTRUP	Present	Present	Absent	Present*	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent
HER	Present	Proxy	Proxy	Present	Proxy	Present	Proxy	Present	Proxy	Proxy	Present
FOLMER	Proxy	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
ADMINISTRATORS											
STAFF											
WATSON	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
BYNUM	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present
PARKER	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present

MCU [Koncza/Folmer] to approve the Agenda for June 17, 2025.
Approved with the change of Item G. Closed Session, moved to after
Item K. Public Presentations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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1. CART Counselor Introduction

Dr. Watson introduced our new CART School Counselor, Isaac Reyna. We are very excited to have Isaac with us. He comes with excellent school counselor experience as well as recruiting skills from State Center Community College.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register

Approve purchase orders from May 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, and numbered: 05012WB; 050525RF; 050625CL; 050825; 050825RF; 050925RF; 051325CL; 051525WB; 052025CL; 052225MJ; 052725WB; 052825CL; 052925WB.

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

ACTION

1. Approve CART 2025-2026 Adopted Budget
MCU [Folmer/Konczal] to approve the CART 2025-2026 Adopted Budget.

INFORMATION

N/A

STAFF REPORTS

- C.E.O. Dr. Watson shared several recent CART activities and highlights.
1. CART had another successful CART Summer Academy. We had 125, 4th-7th graders on campus last week. We offered six labs, Mini-Med School, Mind-Bending Magic, Rockets, Robots & Airplanes, Pixel Playground, Lemonade Stand Micro-Business and Game Design. As you can see from the Summer Academy video, the students and staff had a wonderful time.
 2. End of year activities for teachers included our end of year survey data from our students and teachers.
 - a. Student survey data included how the student learned about CART. Friend or relative held the top spot with 51%.
 - b. 86% of CART seniors reported that they would be attending a post-secondary educational institution. 85% shared that CART had a significant impact on their future. 78% plan on pursuing a career field of their current or past year lab.
 - c. Share out for staff at our end of year meetings, included High's, Low's and Buffalo's.
High's included goals met and successes in team teaching, lab climates, and following design principles.
Low's contained some challenges in some of the same areas as the High's, such as adjustments to some of the lab goals and teach teaching.
Buffaloes included possible misconceptions about CART's philosophy, as well as a general lack of students understanding CART.
 3. CART will not have a board meeting in July, due to summer break. Our next meeting scheduled is Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

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

CLOSED SESSION

1. Personnel Matters [Gov't. Code §54957]
Public Employee Evaluation [Gov't. Code §54957]
Closed Session began at 4:59 p.m. and the CART Board Meeting reconvened at 5:16 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.
CART 06.17.25 TC/kp

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.)

ACTION

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