



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, January 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Konczal called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

MCU [Folmer/Awtrey] to approve the Agenda for January 14, 2025.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [Awtrey/Folmer] to approve the Minutes for December 10, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Student Presentation -Law & Policy Lab students

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Human Trafficking Education – Justice for the Voiceless Law Lab students, Arturo Barela, Brooke Brown, Carolina Ferreira, Grace Escobar, Kelsey Lyles, MaryJane Reyna, and Rachel Von Dohlen, presented their Advocacy project on Human Trafficking Education. Grace Escobar shared a poem she wrote for the project titled “Cries From the Darkness”. The group then shared their power point presentation which they created, highlighting the following topics.

- Statistics of Human Trafficking
- CART Student Survey – “What do you think happens to people that are trafficked?”
- The groups Mission Statement “Our mission is to educate students and teachers on the dangers of human trafficking through prevention, advocacy and support.”
- Current Policy on Human Trafficking Assembly Bill 1227 – Human Trafficking Prevention Education and Training Act.
- The group partnered with several groups, Sharedhope International, Breaking the Chains, Make It Stop, ET and Fresno Unified and Clovis Unified School Districts.
- Next steps for the project include gathering feedback, visiting school classrooms and the CUSD Wellness Committee meeting.
- The groups poster won the Advocacy Program Billboard contest through OutFront Media.

1 MCU [Folmer/Wittrup] to approve the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

2 1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register
3 Approve purchase orders from December 1, 2024, through December
4 31, 2024, and numbered: 120524WB; 121224WB; 121924WB;
5 122624WB.

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE
ORDERS
AND
CHECK REGISTER**

6 1. Approval of Conference Requests
7 N/A

**APPROVAL OF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS**

8 2. Approval of Student Field Trips

**APPROVAL OF
STUDENT
FIELD TRIPS**

9 GS&P Marketing
10 San Fransisco, CA
11 February 27, 2025, *day trip only*
12 Attendee(s): Digital Marketing Lab
13 580003-640-3550-0816-1000-3817-0-60001- -01
14 PERK/CHARTER BUS

15 ACTION

ACTION

16 N/A

17 INFORMATION

INFORMATION

18 N/A

19 STAFF REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

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

21 1. C.E.O. Dr. Watson

- 22 a. CART would like to give a shout out of appreciation both FUSD & CUSD Transportation Departments for their seamless assistance with student transportation during CART's early return from Winter Break. CART students returned two days earlier than FUSD and two days after CUSD.
- 23 b. CART teachers returned from Winter Break two days before the students and spend the two days in Professional Development meetings. The focus of these meetings were, Cycles of Improvement (Fall) and Cycles of Innovation (Spring).
- 24 c. CART Showcase is coming up this Thursday, January 16th. We invite the Board to attend one of our three sessions.
- 25 d. CART Showcase fundraising event will be happening again this year. We are partnering with Panda, Raising Canes and Panera. We will have flyers for this fundraiser available at the event.

**PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS**

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

ADJOURNMENT

27 The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

28 Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.

29 CART 01.10.25 BK/kp

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

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

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