



## 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.

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

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

1. Approval of Conference Requests  
N/A

2. Approval of Student Field Trips

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

ACTION  
N/A

INFORMATION  
N/A

- STAFF REPORTS  
C.E.O. Dr. Watson shared several recent CART activities and highlights.
1. C.E.O. Dr. Watson
- 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.
  - 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).
  - c. CART Showcase is coming up this Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. We invite the Board to attend one of our three sessions.
  - 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.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.  
CART 01.10.25 BK/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.*)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF  
PURCHASE  
ORDERS  
AND  
CHECK REGISTER**

**APPROVAL OF  
CONFERENCE  
REQUESTS**

**APPROVAL OF  
STUDENT  
FIELD TRIPS**

**ACTION**

**INFORMATION**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**