



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, August 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Konczal called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

ATTENDANCE

MCU [Wittrup/Awtrey] to approve the Agenda for August 12, 2025.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [Mesfin/Folmer] to approve the Minutes for June 17, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. Summer 2025 Updates

Dr. Watson presented to the Board the renovations at CART that took place over the summer. The Board visited the new Science Lab room and the upgrades in our Environmental Science Lab.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register

Approve purchase orders from June 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025, Warrants numbered: 060225R1; 060225RF; 060325CL; 060425RF; 060625RF; 061025CL; 061225WB; 061725CL; 061825WB; 062425CL; 062625WB; 063025RF; 072425OM.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECK REGISTER

1. Approval of Conference Requests

N/A

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUESTS

1 2. Approval of Student Field Trips
2 N/A

**APPROVAL OF
STUDENT
FIELD TRIPS**

3 **ACTION**

4 1. Approved CART Technology Refresh Project Addendum to the CART
5 Operating Agreement.
6 MCU [Folmer/Awtrey] to approve the CART Technology Refresh
7 Project Addendum to the CART Operating Agreement, with
8 the redline in Section 1, removing the last three sentences as noted
9 here.
~~The Districts' contributions are contingent upon receipt of
the Foundation's contributions. The Districts are each committed to
contribute \$5.17 for each \$1.00 received from the Foundation. The
Districts' contributions will be reduced to account for each \$1.00.
Foundation does not contribute towards its commitment. The
adjustments may be made annually or at other times as is
appropriate and agreed to by the Districts.~~

ACTION

10 **INFORMATION**
11 N/A

INFORMATION

12 **STAFF REPORTS**

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

14 1. CART 2025-2026 enrollment. We currently have 1392 students
15 enrolled, 41% FUSD students and 59% CUSD students.
16 We are hoping to increase our enrollment numbers by filling in from
17 the waitlists.
18 2. Several years ago, CART was nominated by a member of the
19 Transcend Group (Diego Arambula) to be a part of the Canopy Project
20 (An online depository of innovative schools and their data, principles,
21 and practices. A few years ago, Transcend recognized that CART had
22 a lot to offer from an innovative school model perspective thus
23 nominated us to be a part of a project where Transcend would work
24 with us to codify some of CART's innovative principles and practices.
25 We ended up being a finalist (only four schools of 120 originally
26 nominated) and have received a \$25,000 grant to help fund work
27 with Transcend over the next six months to codify CART's innovative
28 staffing model.
29 We are proud of this nomination and are excited about the future
30 work to come and opportunity to share out model nation-wide.

STAFF REPORTS

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

**PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS**

34 The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.
35 Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.

ADJOURNMENT

36 CART 08.12.25 BK/kp
37 MSCU=Motion (*Board Member making the motion listed*), Second (*Board
38 Member making the second listed*), Carried Unanimously
39 MSC=Motion, Second, Carried (*Board members voting NO listed.*)
40 MSF=Motion, Second, Failed (*Board members voting NO listed.*)

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