



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										
BYNUM	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	APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS
2	N/A	
3	ACTION	ACTION
4	1. Approved CART Technology Refresh Project Addendum to the CART Operating Agreement.	
5	MCU [Folmer/Awtrey] to approve the CART Technology Refresh Project Addendum to the CART Operating Agreement, with	
6	the redline in Section 1, removing the last three sentences as noted here.	
7	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.	
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10	INFORMATION	INFORMATION
11	N/A	
12	STAFF REPORTS	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 enrolled, 41% FUSD students and 59% CUSD students.	
15	We are hoping to increase our enrollment numbers by filling in from the waitlists.	
16	2. Several years ago, CART was nominated by a member of the Transcend Group (Diego Arambula) to be a part of the Canopy Project (An online depository of innovative schools and their data, principles, and practices. A few years ago, Transcend recognized that CART had a lot to offer from an innovative school model perspective thus nominated us to be a part of a project where Transcend would work with us to codify some of CART's innovative principles and practices. We ended up being a finalist (only four schools of 120 originally nominated) and have received a \$25,000 grant to help fund work with Transcend over the next six months to codify CART's innovative staffing model.	
17	We are proud of this nomination and are excited about the future work to come and opportunity to share out model nation-wide.	
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22	PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Board. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes.	PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS
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25	The meeting was adjourned at <u>4:40 p.m.</u>	ADJOURNMENT
26	Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.	
27	CART 08.12.25 BK/kp	
28	MSCU=Motion (<i>Board Member making the motion listed</i>), Second (<i>Board Member making the second listed</i>), Carried Unanimously	
	MSC=Motion, Second, Carried (<i>Board members voting NO listed.</i>)	
	MSF=Motion, Second, Failed (<i>Board members voting NO listed.</i>)	