



## 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, April 14, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

### ROLL CALL

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

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

**ATTENDANCE**

MCU [Folmer/Ward] to approve the Agenda for April 14, 2026,

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

MCU [Folmer/Wittrup] to approve the Minutes for March 10, 2026,  
[Awtrey/Ward] to approve the Minutes for March 16, 2026, Special Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Special Presentation

**SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION**

CART 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration Update  
CART teacher Mary Allen shared with the CART Board a presentation highlighting the plans for our upcoming CART 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Thursday, April 16, 2026, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

#### 1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register

Approve purchase orders from March 1, 2026, through March 31, 2026, and numbered 030226CL; 030226RF; 030526AP; 030926CL; 031226AP; 031626CL; 031926AP; 032426CL; 032626AP; 033026RF.

**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

## INFORMATION

## STAFF REPORTS

- a. C.E.O. Dr. Watson recognized Mr. Aaron Morgan, CART's incoming C.E.O. and Cyndi Massa, who is the new hire for the CART Office Supervisor position.
- b. CART Juniors started their State ELA testing at CART today. This is such a unique and ingenious process that Dean, Staci Bynum and her team go through, from planning to implementation.
- c. Jessica Harrington, with ABC Channel 30 News, was on campus filming the Chaffee Zoo partnership with three CART Labs.
- d. CART held its annual New Student/Family Orientation nights. We had a great turn out of excited students and families. The labs all had some hands-on demonstrations for them to experience. Each student who attended also received a CART Student T-shirt.
- e. CUSD Students of Promise event was attended by Dean, Staci Bynum and several of our CART teachers who had students awarded. The students are always surprised and excited to see their CART teachers in attendance.
- f. CART has several Spring Showcase events coming up next month. Multimedia Lab Angel Awards is tonight. The Law Lab's Mock Trial Event is coming up next Tuesday night. Biotechnology is holding their Spring Showcase next Thursday, as well as our DME Expo which is held during the day.

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

## ADJOURNMENT

CART 4.14.26 TC/kp

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

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