



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, May 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:04 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	Present	
KONCZAL	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent/Present	Absent	Present	
MESFIN	Present	Proxy*	Proxy*	Absent	Present*	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Proxy*	
AWTREY	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present/Present	Present	Present	
WITTRUP	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Present	
HER	Proxy	Present	Present	Proxy*	Present	Proxy*	Present	Present/Present	Proxy	Present	
FOLMER	Present	Present	Present	Proxy*	Present	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Present	
ADMINISTRATORS											
STAFF											
WATSON	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Present	
BYNUM	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Present	
PARKER	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Present	

Deb Nankivell, CEO, Fresno Business Council, was in proxy for Ms. Mesfin.

ATTENDANCE

MCU [Awtrey/Konczal] to approve the Agenda for May 26, 2026,

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

MCU [Folmer/Awtrey] to approve the Minutes for April 14, 2026.
Abstention by Konczal.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Special Presentation
N/A

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATION**

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

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register

Approve purchase orders from April 1, 2026, through April 30, 2026, and numbered; 040226AP; 040626CL; 040926AP; 041326CL; 041626AP; 042026CL; 042126RF; 042326AP; 042726AP; 042726CL; 042926R2; 042926RF; 043026AP.

**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**

PUBLIC HEARING

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1. Public Hearing for the 2026-27 Annual Adopted Budget
Opened the Public Hearing at 4:06 p.m.
With no public comments the Public Hearing closed at 4:08 pm.

ACTION

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1. CART Annual Third Quarter Financial Report
2. Oscar Torres, CUSD Financial Analyst presented the CART Annual Third Quarter Financial Report to the Board. There was a discussion regarding CART's annual reserve percentages.
MCU [Konzal/Wittrup] to approve the CART Annual Third Quarter Financial Report.
3. Resolution No. 2025-26 01
In the matter of approving membership and participation in the Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF) for excess liability coverage.
MCU [Awtrey/Wittrup] to approve Resolution No. 2025-26 01.

INFORMATION

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N/A

STAFF REPORTS

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- 1 C.E.O. Report
 - A. On Thursday, April 16th, we held our CART 25th Anniversary Celebration. It was a great event. Mary Allen and a team of CART staff put on a spectacular event. Thank you to all of those who were able to attend.
 - B. We had two of our labs hold their Spring Showcases on April 21st, the Law Lab held their Mock Trial and on April 23rd, our Biotechnology Lab held their open house. The Psychology Lab and Environmental Science Lab held their symposiums on May 7th. On May 8th, the Business Finance Lab held their student Expo showcase. The Forensics, Tech and Biomed Labs held their showcase in May 12th, and the Engineering Lab was on May 14th.
 - C. ABC Channel 30 will be airing this evening, a segment on the Chaffee Zoo project that our Environmental Science Lab, Engineering Lab, and Tech Labs participated in this year.
 - D. May 18th CART held an Open House Retirement reception for our CART staff that are retiring this year. Myself, Kelli Parker, Virginia Tamblingson and Kenney Talamantez. We enjoyed seeing all that made it, and thank you to Staci and her team for organizing a wonderful open house.
 - E. Two CART Ambassadors participated in CUSD's Annual Governing Board Student Voice Workshop last Wednesday. It was a great event, and both of our CART Ambassadors expressed their wish that they had more time.
 - F. On May 22nd CART held our Annual 2026 CART Golf Tournament at Eagle Springs Golf Course. This is always an amazing event for CART. We truly thank our teacher Aaron Love and his team for their time and dedication to this wonderful event and Foundation fundraiser.
 - G. Friday, May 29th is our annual CARTival event. We hold this event as a retention tool for our Juniors. Each lab creates a game for the Student that aligns with their respective lab. The students from all Labs participate in playing the games. The students have a passport that is stamped for their participation and they receive treats as well as entry into a raffle for prizes that are donated by CART staff & students.

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

**PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48p.m..
Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.
CART 5.26.26 TC/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.*)