



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, June 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:03 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	Present
KONCZAL	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent/Present	Absent	Present	Present
MESFIN	Present	Proxy*	Proxy*	Absent	Present*	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Proxy*	Proxy*
AWTREY	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present/Present	Present	Present	Absent
WITTRUP	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Present	Absent
HER	Proxy	Present	Present	Proxy*	Present	Proxy*	Present	Present/Present	Proxy	Present	Present
FOLMER	Present	Present	Present	Proxy*	Present	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Present	Present
ADMINISTRATORS											
STAFF											
WATSON	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Present	Present
BYNUM	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present/Present	Present	Present	Present
PARKER	Present	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 [Konczal/Folmer] to approve the Agenda for June 16, 2026,

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

MCU [Folmer/Nankivell] to approve the Minutes for May 26, 2026.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Special Presentation
N/A

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATION**

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

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register

Approve purchase orders from May 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026,
and numbered; 050426CL; 050426RF; 050726AP; 051126CL;
051426AP; 051826CL; 052126AP; 052626CL; 052826AP; 052986RF.

**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

1. CART 2026-2027 Adopted Budget.
Oscar Torres, CUSD Financial Analyst presented the CART 2026-2027 Adopted Budget for approval. There was a discussion regarding how the budget expenditure amounts were anticipated. Mr. Torres shared how those expenditures planned amounts are calculated.

ACTION

MCU [Konczal/Her] to approve the CART 2026-2027 Adopted Budget

STAFF REPORTS

1 C.E.O. Report

- A. Dr. Watson shared with the Board the CART 2026 Golf Tournament was a great success. We tallied the proceeds and it looks like we will net about \$20,000. A big thank you to Aaron Love and his team. We had several positive comments from the golfers. One that stood out was "The CART Golf Tournament was a lot of fun. I have played many charity tournaments, and I will say it was the most fun, non-traditional event I have ever played!"

INFORMATION

STAFF REPORTS

- B. Staci and I wrapped up just under one year with our Transend work on June 3rd. We've done amazing work with and because of our Coach Lindsey Lorehn. She pushed us hard to think differently and deeply about our staffing model and out of it has come a model we will use to share the CART Staffing Model with our current and future partners.

This fall we will be piloting the model with O'Connell High School in South San Francisco. It's exciting to finally see this all come together and for us to have drafted a seven-phase scope/sequence for the O'Connell pilot.

Our coach Lindsey expressed her gratitude in our project wrap up, thanking us for our time, heart and brilliance during this project. We made our second pitch for a grant from New Schools Venture Fund on May 26th. We should hear from them soon.

- C. Staci and her team organized a wonderful last day with teachers, retirement celebration for myself, Kelli, Virginia, and Kenney. So many wonderful things shared with us. We appreciate all the staff for their kind words and generous gifts.

- D. CART held our 2026 Summer Academy last week. We had over a hundred excited elementary students on campus, along with student helpers and ten CART teachers. It was a very fun, energetic week.

- E. Staci, Kelli, Aaron Morgan and Cyndi Massa and I, along with students Melvin Jackson, Brinton Standing and their families attended the annual Scottish Rite dinner last night. They hold this dinner each year and honor the CART student Scottish Rite scholarship awardees and their families. The Fresno Scottish Rite organization has been awarding CART seniors scholarships since 2004. They have helped over 74 CART students with scholarships, totaling just under \$60,000.

- 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**

Chairperson Cook shared with the CART Board his appreciation and thanks to Dr. Watson for his service at CART for the last 14 years as C.E.O. Dr. Watson has created a legacy for CART that will never fade. Each of the Board members took some time to thank Dr. Watson as well as Board Secretary, Kelli Parker, for their contributions and wonderful service to CART staff, students and Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.
CART 6.16.26 TC/kp

ADJOURNMENT

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.*)