



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, November 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Attendance table with columns for months (August to June) and rows for Board members (Cook, Konczal, Mesfin, Awtrey, Wittrup, Nelson, Folmer), Administrators, and Staff (Watson, Bynum, Parker).

Dr. Nelson arrived at 4:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Deb Nankivell, CEO, Fresno Business Council was in proxy for Ms. Mesfin, until her arrival at 4:10 p.m.

MCU [Konczal/Awtrey] to approve the Agenda for November 14, 2023.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [Awtrey/Wittrup] to approve the Minutes for October 10, 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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1. Forensics Science Lab Crime Scene Visit

The Board and guests took a tour of the Forensics Science Labs Crime Scene Project. The tour was hosted by prior and current Forensics Science Lab students and the Forensics Lab teachers, Erin Andrade, Jill Rossetti and Kristine Rubenstein. There were six students, Dellon Moua, Skylar James, Julian Correa, Madelyn Shehady and Ritika Fnu. The students explained the process of evaluating the scene to collect evidence necessary to solve the crime at the scene. There are two crime scene staging areas of an automobile accident and possible shooting. For the project the students are in teams to collect evidence from different parts of the crime scene, such as ballistics data, blood data and vehicle damage. This project culminates with a trial where the groups present their evidence.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register

Approve purchase orders from October 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023, warrants numbered: 100523WB; 101223WB; 101923WB; 102623WB; 103123WB

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECK REGISTER

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- 1. Approval of Conference Requests
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**APPROVAL OF
CONFERENCE
REQUESTS**

- 2. Approval of Student Field Trips

**APPROVAL OF
STUDENT
FIELD TRIPS**

Warner Bros. Studios
Burbank, Ca.
January 25,2024 *day trip only*
Attendees(s): Multimedia Lab
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PERKINS DC TRANS

CLOSED SESSION
N/A

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N/A

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N/A

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STAFF REPORTS

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- 1. Dr. Watson shared several current and upcoming events with the Board.
 - a. CART hosted a successful 2023-2024 Counselor’s Breakfast on October 26, 2023. We had a great turnout with over 80 counselors present. CART student ambassadors and our CART Counselor Tina Chandler presented an update on our recruiting plan for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - b. CART’s annual Career Fair was held on November 1, 2023. There were 33 vendors from different businesses, community partners and post-secondary organizations. It was a CART wide Professional Dress Day and our students were awesome according to the vendors.
 - c. CART had 21 visitors from Oregon on November 8, 2023. This group was led by Michelle Swanson, an original CART Consultant and her business partner, Theron Cosgrove. The group consisted of Superintendents, Board Members, Staff and students from 4J School District in Eugene, Oregon, Kalamath Falls School District, and Marcola School District.
 - d. Yesterday, November 13, 2023, Dr. Watson was in Los Angeles at the invitation of Dave Calhoun from Core Districts. They had their annual gathering, and their main theme was Data Analysis but there was one theme that included reinventing High School session, which I participated in.
 - e. Today, November 14, 2023, Dr. Watson along with CART Dean, Staci Bynum and Environmental Science Lab teacher, Titus Patton, participated in a virtual CART visit for 31 members of the Napa Valley School District. It is the second visit we have had which was facilitated by Prospect Studios. They consult in the areas of strategic foresight and equity centered design to reimagine and reinvent education using long term visioning, strategic planning and leadership/coaching training.

**PUBLIC
PRESENTATIONS**

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

4 Kurt Madden, prior CART Board member, who was present wanted to
5 extend a special thank you to our Forensics Science Lab students and
6 teachers for the lab crime scene visit.

7 Deb Nankivell, CEO, Fresno Business Council took a moment to introduce
8 the CART Board to her upcoming book to be published, Civic Stewardship.

ADJOURNMENT

9 The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.
10 Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Todd Cook.
11 CART 11.14.23 TC/kp
12 MSCU=Motion (*Board Member making the motion listed*), Second (*Board*
13 *Member making the second listed*), Carried Unanimously
14 MSC=Motion, Second, Carried (*Board members voting NO listed.*)
15 MSF=Motion, Second, Failed (*Board members voting NO listed.*)
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