



**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, January 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
COOK	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present					
KONCZAL	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent					
THOMAS	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present*					
MESFIN	Proxy	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present					
AWTREY	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present					
NELSON	Present	Present	Proxy	Proxy	Proxy	Present					
O'BRIEN	Proxy	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present					
ADMINISTRATORS											
STAFF											
WATSON	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present					
BYNUM	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present					
PARKER	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present					

Jeremy Ward, FUSD Assistant Superintendent, proxy for Dr. Nelson until his arrival at 4:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Keshia Thomas arrived at 4:20 p.m.

MCU [Mesfin/O'Brien] to approve the Agenda for January 10, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

MCU [O'Brien/Awtrey] to approve the Minutes for December 13, 2022, with corrections to the November and December attendance.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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Dr. Watson began the special presentation by sharing that Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is always a focus at CART but most recently we have been exploring it deeply with staff.

That said CART is asking that our partner districts share how they are addressing DEI and what possibilities are available.

Mr. Anderson (Deputy Superintendent) shared for CUSD

- He shared that the district accountability model (CLASSI) has three components, one of which is Cultural Diversity.
- All school sites do self-assessments annually.
- Percentage of sites are visited by a district team.
- The self-assessment and site visitation teams review the DEI programs and responses that are offered by each campus.

Dr. O'Brien (Superintendent) shared that all sites have Inter Diversity Advisory Councils (IDAC) and the District has district-wide IDAC meetings that include parents/families and community members. These councils are important opportunities for family/community voice in the area of DEI.

1 Mr. Anderson continued by sharing several opportunities that the
2 district offers in the area of training in DEI.

- One important area is ongoing diversity training that the
3 district offers by Craig Simms.

4 Mr. Anderson also shared that all school sites in CUSD offer a variety of
5 opportunities for students to join clubs and activities that focus on and
6 celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion.

7 Next, Mr. Ward (Assistant Superintendent) shared for FUSD

8 Mr. Ward first shared that the approach in FUSD is that we are all in
9 this together and responsible for addressing DEI. Staff, students and
10 district personnel support the initiative by creating and supporting
11 groups and committees dedicated to DEI throughout the district.

12 Mr. Ward gave one example where the FUSD School Board of Trustees
13 supports the district DEI initiative by approving and requiring an ethnic
14 studies course at the high school level.

15 Mr. Ward gave another example where the office he leads (College and
16 Career Readiness) has been collecting data on DEI in career and
17 technical education pathways across the district and sharing that data
18 out with all stakeholders as a form of accountability.

19 Mr. Ward also shared that through FUSD's dedicated three-year DEI
20 Initiative the district has formed layers of support through dedicated
21 departments and personnel that provide immediate response and
22 support when needed.

23 Next, Deborah Nankivell (CEO- Fresno Business Council) was asked to
24 provide an update on community wide initiatives that she is aware of
25 and working with regarding DEI.

26 Ms. Nankivell first shared that she has been a part of the DRIVE
27 Initiative (diverse group of community leaders) tasked over the next ten
28 years to develop a community investment plan that will "foster an
economy that is inclusive, vibrant and sustainable"

One of the DRIVE subcommittees she is on is the Equity as Access
Committee. They are doing deep work to build relationships through
recognizing one's own ignorance, arrogance, bias, etc. Offering grace to
one another is the first and most important step.

Ms. Nankivell then shared that there is other work going on in the
valley around the topic of poverty. Career Nexus headed by Kurt
Madden is doing important work in this area.

Ms. Nankivell also shared that there is great work going on throughout
the state particularly through the new California Coalition that she,
Mike Betts, and Peter Weber are part of.

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

1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register
Approve purchase orders from December 1, 2022 through December
31, 2022, warrants numbered; 120822OM; 121522JL; 122322MJ;
123022MJ; 123022TX.

CONSENT AGENDA

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE ORDERS
AND
CHECK REGISTER**

1	2. Approval of Conference Requests N/A	APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUESTS
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3	3. Approval of Student Field Trips N/A	APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS
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5	CLOSED SESSION N/A	CLOSED SESSION
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7	ACTION N/A	ACTION
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9	STAFF REPORTS	STAFF REPORTS
10	1. Dr. Watson share several topics of interest.	
11	a. CART Showcase this Thursday, January 12, 2023. This will be our first in-person Showcase Event in a few years. There are three sessions, 8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. and our evening session from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dr. Watson encouraged all Board Members to be sure to attend.	
12	b. Junior Rotation will be held the day after showcase. This event is to familiarize our current Juniors with other Labs that CART offers. They will spend some time in labs they are possibly interested in enrolling in next year.	
13	c. CART has two parent information nights on the calendar for January 26 th and February 8 th , 2023. We are planning on a great turn-out this year.	
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17	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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19	The meeting adjourned at <u>5:15 p.m.</u> Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Todd Cook. CART 01.10.23 TC/kp	ADJOURNMENT
20	MSCU=Motion (<i>Board Member making the motion listed</i>), Second (<i>Board Member making the second listed</i>), Carried Unanimously	
21	MSC=Motion, Second, Carried (<i>Board members voting NO listed.</i>)	
22	MSF=Motion, Second, Failed (<i>Board members voting NO listed.</i>)	
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