



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 21, 2024, 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, Awtrej, Wittrup, Nelson, Folmer), Administrators, and Staff (Watson, Bynum, Parker).

Board Member Blake Konczal arrived at 4:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Norm Anderson, CUSD Deputy Superintendent was in proxy for Dr. Folmer.

MCU [Nelson/Anderson] to approve the Agenda for May 21,2024

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MCU [Nelson/Wittrup] to approve the Minutes for April 9, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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1. CART in the news

C.E.O. Dr. Watson and Dean on Curriculum & Instruction shared a presentation to the Board sharing various recent news media events that featured CART.

A. April 19, 2024, Channel 30 Action News highlighted CART Psychology students who are researching and analyzing real world problems, such as teen mental health and they are finding solutions.

B. Triad a multimillion-dollar electric supercar company is coming to our area and they are teaming with Fresno County educational school students to modify the cars. CART students will be participating in this venture. The story was highlighted by Fox 26 news on April 19, 2024.

C. Channel 47 News Education Matters segment, highlighted how the animals at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo are benefiting from the CART Environmental Science Lab student’s animal enrichment projects.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1	1. Approval of Purchase Orders & Check Register	APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHECK REGISTER
2	Approve purchase orders from April 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024, Warrants numbered: 040424WB; 041124WB; 041824WB; 042524WB; 043024WB.	
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4	1. Approval of Conference Requests	APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE REQUESTS
5	<u>CAPS Network Summer Huddle</u>	
6	Kansas City, MO June 23-June 26, 2024 Attendee: Rick Watson, C.E.O. 520000-640-3550-0816-1000-3800-0-60001- 01 CONF/TRVL PERK ADMIN	
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8	2. Approval of Student Field Trips	APPROVAL OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS
9	N/A	
10	CLOSED SESSION	CLOSED SESSION
11	N/A	
12	PUBLIC HEARING	PUBLIC HEARING
13	1. Public Hearing for the 2024-25 Annual Adopted Budget	
14	Kyle Ellis, CUSD Asst. Director Budget & Finance presented the Board, CART's 2024-2024 Annual Adopted Budget.	
15	ACTION	ACTION
16	1. CART Annual Third Quarter Financial Report	
17	Kyle Ellis, CUSD Asst. Director Budget & Finance presented the Board CART's 2024-2024 Annual Third Quarter Financial Report.	
18	MCU [Nelson/Anderson] to approve the CART Annual Third Quarter Financial Report.	
19	INFORMATION	INFORMATION
20	N/A	
21	STAFF REPORTS	STAFF REPORTS
22	1. C.E.O. Dr. Watson	
23	Dr. Watson highlighted several recent CART events.	
24	A. State testing in ELA has been completed. Thanks to Staci, her team, and all our teachers for their support. It was a successful testing program.	
25	B. April 12, 2024, our Digital Marketing & Entrepreneurship Lab had their annual Entrepreneurial Expo. Lab students created their own businesses and showcased their products in our gallery area.	
26	C. CART held their Spring Showcase events on various dates.	
27	Our Biotechnology Lab held their open house, Multimedia Lab held their annual "Angels Awards" ceremony. The Psychology Lab also held their Psychology Symposium. Our Law Lab had a mock-trial night and our Engineering Lab held their spring extravaganza.	
28	CART also held our annual Spring Showcase evening event at which seven of our labs participated, Forensics, all three Tech labs, Biomedicine, Environment, and Business Labs.	

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D. CART Senior Scholarship Awards Night was held, May 6, 2024.
CART awarded 129 students, 139 scholarships totaling \$69500.
A special thank you to the Cook family, Affinity Trucking.

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Deb Nankivell shared with the CART Board her book “Civic Stewardship”. This book was written with the help of previous CART Board Members, Kurt Madden and Pete Weber, along with C.E. O., Dr. Watson who participated in writing Chapter 8, “A successful Partnership-Center For Advanced Research and Technology. Deb presented a copy of the book to all in attendance at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Chairperson Cook.
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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.*)