

NUMBERED MEMO CC26-050

TO: Members of the State Board of Community Colleges, Chairs of the Community College Boards of Trustees, Community College Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Admissions Officers, Basic Skills Directors, Business Officers, Continuing Education Officers, Customized Training Directors, Chief Financial Officers, Distance Learning, Financial Aid Officers, Personnel Officers, Student Development Administrators, Public Information Officers, Registrars, & Other Interested Parties

FROM: Jonnell Carpenter, *NCCCS General Counsel*

SUBJECT: Proposed Adoption of 1H SBCCC 500.3 – Strategic Procurement and Evaluation of Technology

DATE: August 19, 2026

On August 14, 2026, the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) initiated the rulemaking process to adopt **1H SBCCC 500.3 – Strategic Procurement and Evaluation of Technology**. The proposed adoption aligns with updates to Session Law 2025-46, §115D-9.40, that requires the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt a policy regarding the evaluation of technology costs. The proposed adoption would also require each community college to submit an affidavit of completion by August 1 of each year, certifying that the evaluation was conducted.

The proposed adoption is published on the NC Community College System's website, [Numbered Memos - NCCCS \(ncccommunitycolleges.edu\)](https://ncccommunitycolleges.edu). For your convenience, a copy of the proposed rule, with the adopted language indicated, is attached to this memorandum. Strikethroughs indicate deletions of existing language and underlines indicate additions of language.

Any member of the public has the right to submit written comments on the proposed rule. Please note that any person who submits public comments on behalf of their community college should comply with their college's local process for submitting comments on a proposed

rule. **Written comments on the rule must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2026.** Any member of the public has the right to request a hearing on the proposed rule. **Requests for a hearing must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 3, 2026.**

Written comments and requests for hearing shall be directed to the following address: Jonnell Carpenter, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-5001 or by email to publiccomments@nccommunitycolleges.edu. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Attachment



State Board of Community Colleges Code

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Form

Date: August 19, 2026

Title, Chapter, Subchapter, and Rule Number of Rule Proposed to be Adopted, Amended, or Repealed	Adoption of 1H SBCCC 500.3 – Strategic Procurement and Evaluation of Technology
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Specify whether the SBCC proposes to amend, adopt, or repeal a rule:

Adopt
(new rule)

Amend
(change existing rule)

Repeal
(delete entire rule)

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Rationale for proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal:	This adoption implements Session Law 2025-46, which added G.S. § 115D-9.40 and requires the State Board of Community Colleges to adopt a policy requiring community colleges to evaluate technology costs.
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Proposed Effective Date of Rule	November 1, 2026
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State Board of Community Colleges Code
TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES



CHAPTER H. FISCAL MANAGEMENT

SUBCHAPTER 500. PROCUREMENT

1H SBCCC 500.3 Strategic Procurement and Evaluation of Technology

(a) All community colleges shall evaluate the following when acquiring technology, computer hardware, and software:

(1) The long-term cost of ownership, including costs of repairing the technology, computer hardware, or software;

(2) Any flexibility for innovation during the life of technology, computer hardware, or software; and

(3) Any anticipated resale or salvage value at the end of the target life cycle for the technology, computer hardware, or software based on the average resale or salvage value of similar technology, computer hardware, or software as a percentage of the initial cost of purchase.

(b) Each community college shall submit an affidavit of completion annually by August 1 to the System Office, certifying that it conducted the evaluation required in Subsection (a) of this Section.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-6.1, 115D-9.40

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