

NUMBERED MEMO CC26-069

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

DATE: October 20, 2026

On October 16, 2026, the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) voted to adopt the State Board Code, **1H SBCCC 500.3 – Strategic Procurement and Evaluation of Technology**. The adoption aligns with Session Law 2025-46, which requires the Board to adopt a policy for evaluating technology costs, including consideration of the long-term costs associated with technology ownership.

The adoption will be effective **November 1, 2026**. At that time, the adopted rule will be published on the North Carolina Community College System’s website, [State Board Code - NCCCS \(ncccommunitycolleges.edu\)](https://ncccommunitycolleges.edu). For your convenience, a copy of the rule in its final form is attached to this memorandum.

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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

Eff. November 1, 2026