



AGENDA

AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**June 3, 2026
1:45 PM**

3100 Main Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium, Houston, Texas 77002

**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE
Audit Committee
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

HOUSTON CITY COLLEGE

June 3, 2026

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees of Houston City College will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 1:45 PM, or after, and from day to day as required, 3100 Main Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium, Houston, Texas 77002. The items listed in this Notice may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Committee Chair and items listed for closed session discussion may be discussed in open session and vice versa as permitted by law. Actions taken at this Meeting do not constitute final Board action and are only Committee recommendations to be considered by the Board at the next Regular Board meeting.

I. Call to Order

A. Opportunity for Public Comments

II. Topics For Discussion and/or Action:

A. Baseline Audit Reporting: IT Systems Access/Cyber Security/Data Recovery

III. Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071; 551.072 and 551.074, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:

A. Legal Matters

Consultation with legal counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matters on which the attorney's duty to the System under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Laws.

B. Personnel Matters

Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, employee or board member to hear complaints or charges against an officer, employee or board member unless the officer, employee or board member who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

C. Real Estate Matters

Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for Agenda items if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the System in negotiations with a third person.

IV. Additional Closed or Executive Session Authority:

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board should be held

or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at that date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by the Notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning:

Section 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matters on which the attorney's duty to the System under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Laws.

Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.073 - For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the System if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the System in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, employee or board member to hear complaints or changes against an officer, employee or board member unless the officer, employee or board member who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

Section 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices, or a security audit.

Section 551.082 - For the purpose of considering discipline of a student or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing, unless an open hearing is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the student or by the employee against whom the complaint is brought.

Section 551.084 - For the purpose of excluding a witness or witnesses in an investigation from a hearing during examination of another witness in the investigation. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

A. The open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting, or

B. At a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

IT Systems Access / Cyber Security / Data Recovery (Section 551.076)

V. Reconvene in Open Meeting

VI. Adjournment

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OR GIVING NOTICE

On this **28th day of May 2026**, this Notice was posted at a place convenient to the public and readily accessible at all times to the general public at the following locations: (1) the HCC Administration Building of the Houston City College, 3100 Main, First Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 and (2) the Houston City College's website: www.hccs.edu.

Posted By:

Sharon R. Wright
Director, Board Services

REPORT ITEM

Meeting Date: June 3, 2026

Topics For Discussion and/or Action:

ITEM #	ITEM TITLE	PRESENTER
A.	Baseline Audit Reporting: IT Systems Access/Cyber Security/Data Recovery	Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher Barry Sullivan

DISCUSSION

Provide an update on Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) baseline audit reporting pertaining to IT systems access, cyber security, and data recovery.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

4. Community Investment

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
IT Systems Access/Cyber Security/Data Recovery - Presentation	5/27/2026	Presentation

This item is applicable to the following: District



Information Technology

Baseline Audit Reporting IT Systems Access / Cyber Security / Data Recovery

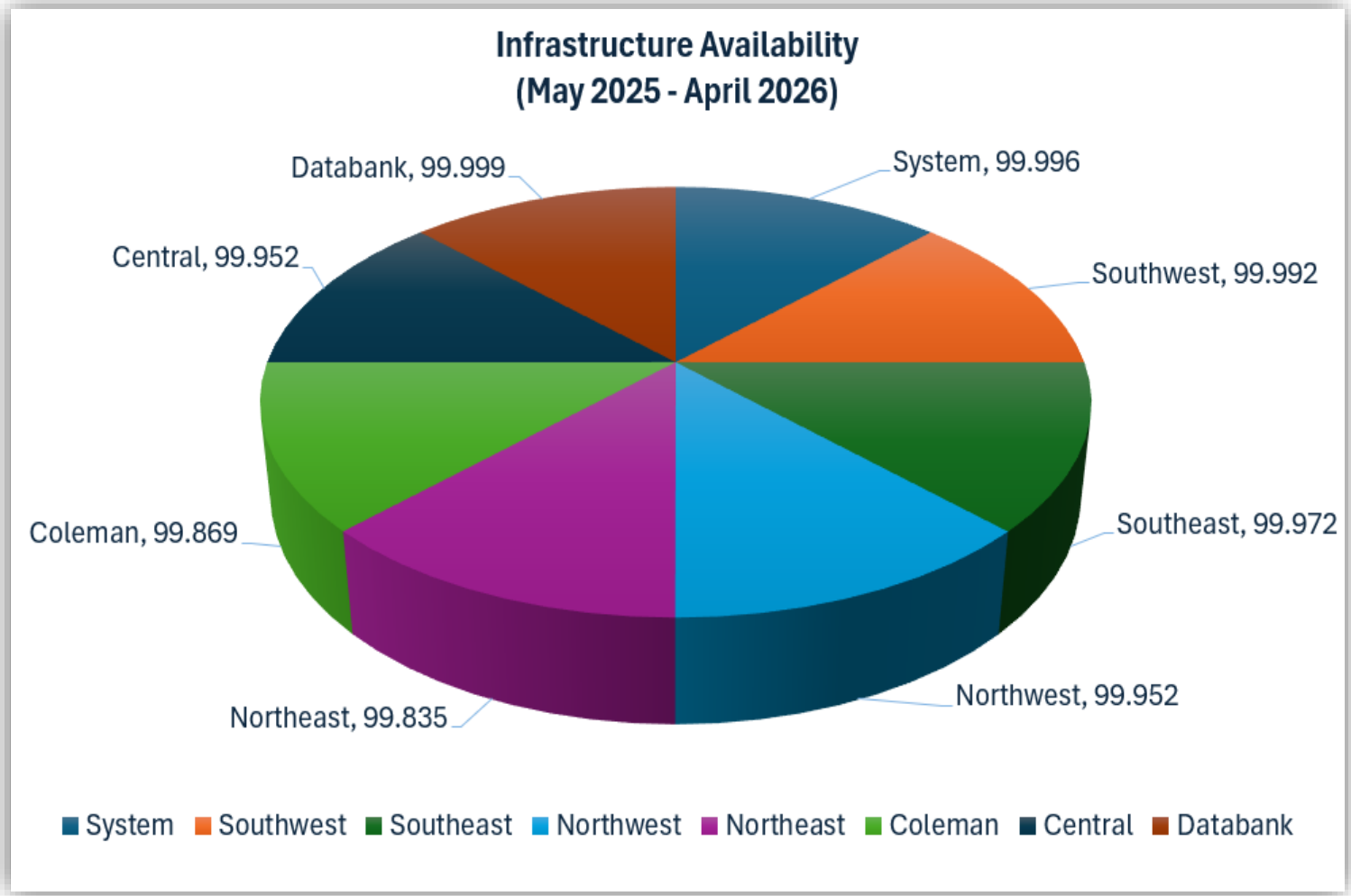
Barry Sullivan, CIO

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Baseline Audit Reporting Topics

- Annual Infrastructure Availability
- End of Life Equipment Replacement Status – Network and computers
- Cyber Security activities
- Covered in Closed Session
 - HCC Cyber Security Program
 - Cyber Security Metrics
 - Employee Cyber Security Awareness Training
 - Employee Phishing Simulation Campaign
 - Application Security Assessment
 - Annual Disaster Recovery Exercise including Data Recovery
 - Annual Penetration Testing

Detailed Annual Infrastructure Availability



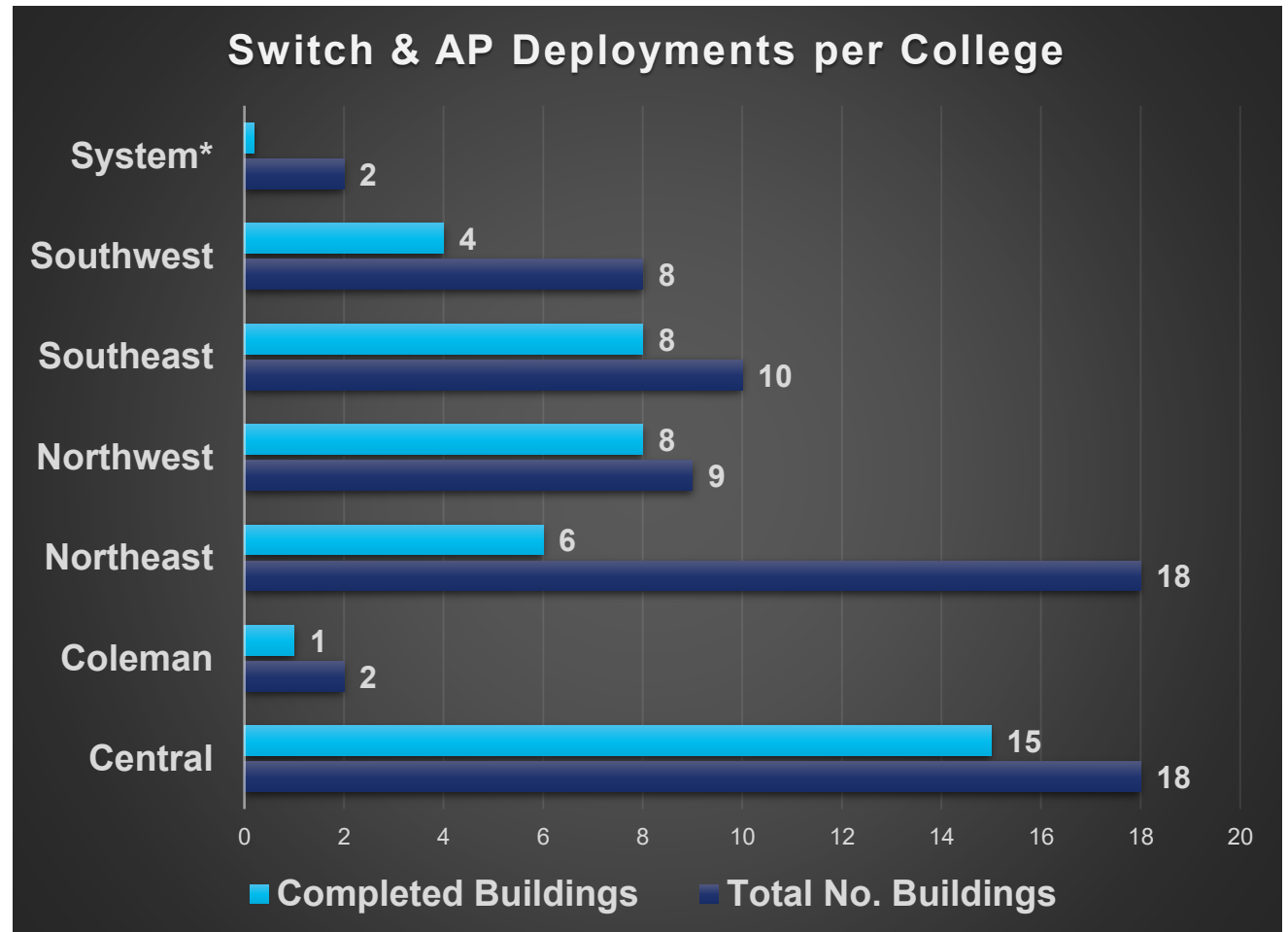
Availability < **99.999%** due to incidents associated with:

- Power Outages
 - Reboots after upgrades
 - IOS code bugs
 - Hardware failures
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- **National Average 99.98%**

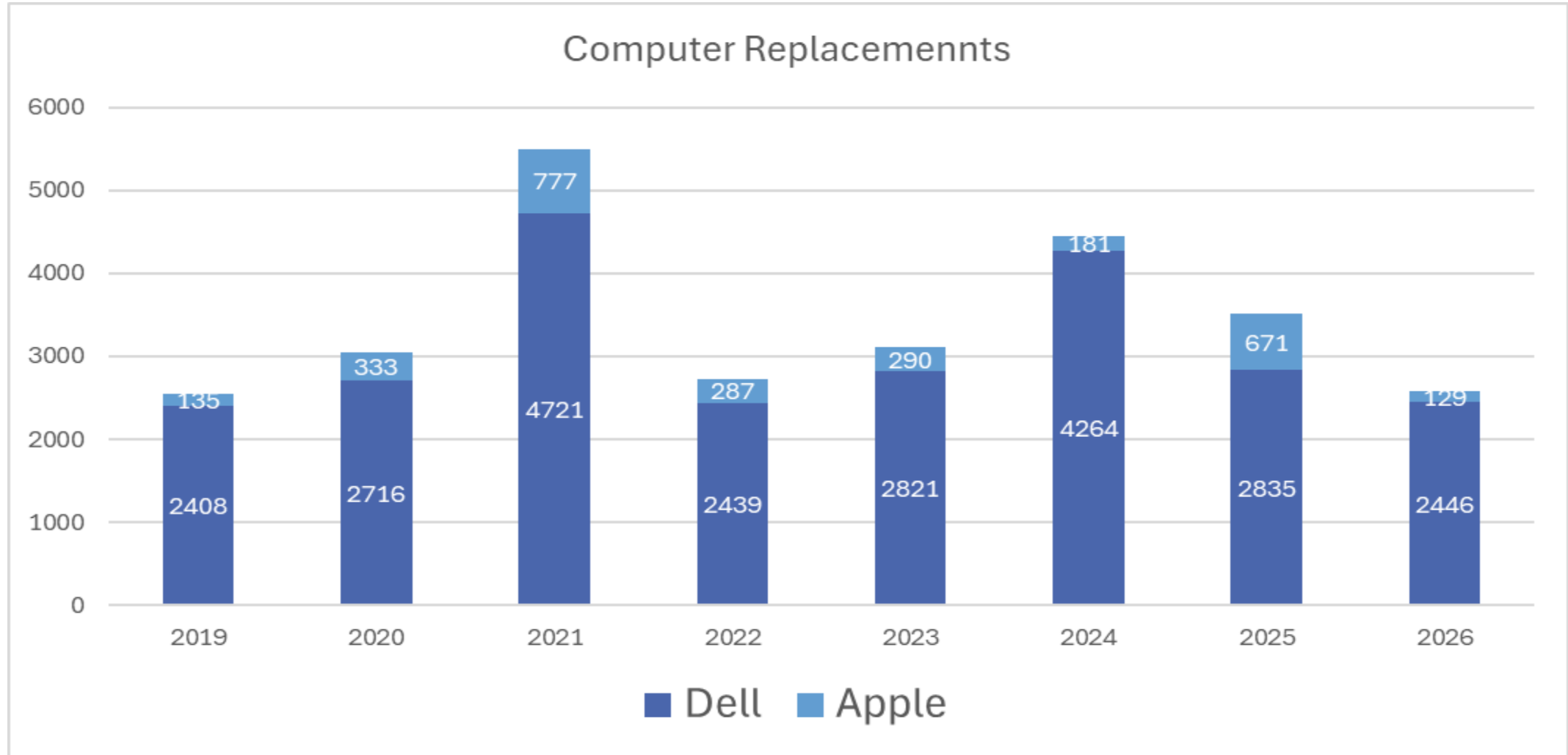
Network Switch Deployment Update

Cisco Switch Deployments – In Progress

- 2025: \$3,493,362.19
(Access & Distribution switches)
- 2026: 9600 x 2 \$437.066.36
(Data Centers switches)
- Expected project completion:
Q4 2027



HOUSTON CITY COLLEGE



21,171 computers active – Desktops, laptops and Apple devices

HCC Cyber Security Completed Activities

SECURITY GOAL #	ACTIVITY
1 - Locate, Classify, Track, and Protect Sensitive Data	Implement Multi-Factor Authentication for Students (Go Live 5/18/2026)
3 - Verify System and Application Access Controls	Annual Privileged User/Sponsored User Access Review
4 - Review and Update Hardware Configuration	Upgraded Cisco Secure Endpoint Connectors for Windows, Macs, and Linux
5 - Remediate System and Application Vulnerabilities	Quarterly Cardholder Data Environment (CDE) Network Scans
5 - Remediate System and Application Vulnerabilities	Qualys Vulnerability Management Platform Health Check and Optimization
6 - Review and Act on Security Alerts and Notifications	Updated Splunk Universal Forwarders and Deployment Server
7 - Block Unauthorized Network Reconnaissance and Access	Upgrade Cisco Secure Clients
8 - Respond to Security Incidents	2026 IT Disaster Recovery Test
9 - Educate Users about IT Security	Fall 2026 Security Awareness Training
9 - Educate Users about IT Security	Phishing Simulations
9 - Educate Users about IT Security	Cashier Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) Security Awareness Training
9 - Educate Users about IT Security	Monthly Cybersecurity Awareness Newsletter
10 - Conduct and Support Audits	2025 Penetration Tests
10 - Conduct and Support Audits	Upgraded 42 Cashier Computers
10 - Conduct and Support Audits	Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) Attestation
11 - Review and Update Documentation	Cyber Security Program and Strategic Plan 2026-2028
11 - Review and Update Documentation	Updated the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) Information Security Plan
11 - Review and Update Documentation	SNOW Governance Risk & Compliance module implementation
11 - Review and Update Documentation	Cyber Security Standards Revision

HCC Cyber Security Activities in Progress

SECURITY GOAL #	ACTIVITY
2 - Review and Approve Applications for Use	Develop a blacklist of restricted applications and improve vendors visibility by continuous monitor of vendors' cybersecurity online postures.
5 - Remediate System and Application Vulnerabilities	Implement Qualys health check recommendations and revitalize Vulnerability management program and reporting.
6 - Review and Act on Security Alerts and Notifications	Configure recommendations from Splunk health check to improve program
6 - Review and Act on Security Alerts and Notifications	Implementation of CIS Albert NIDS to monitor enterprise network
9 - Educate Users about IT Security	Implement cybersecurity awareness training for students

Application Security Assessments

- Required prior to purchase.
- Average 172 annual reviews
 - Renew/Existing Software
 - New Software
 - Additional Licenses Requests

