

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: FY27 Fee Schedule Addition

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approves the proposed addition to the fee schedule.

Purpose of Memo:

Staff recommendation

Background:

A microcredential is a competency-based certification that validates an educator's mastery of a specific skill within their instructional practice. These credentials provide a flexible pathway toward professional endorsements and can serve as a practical alternative to a traditional graduate-level course.

To earn a credential, an educator submits materials for evaluation by a trained expert reviewer. The current issue is a structural mismatch between revenue and expenses. While reviewers are paid \$20 for every submission they assess, we only collect this fee from the educator for their initial submission. Consequently, the costs for reviewing revised and resubmitted materials are not being recovered. This mismatch is increasing as more microcredentials are available, and more multi-review submissions are being conducted.

To ensure the fiscal sustainability of this program, we propose adding a \$20 microcredential review fee to the fee schedule. This change will allow USBE to collect the fee for each submission, ensuring that all reviewer costs are covered.

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Attachments:

1. Microcredential Background and Statistics

