

## Idaho Microcredential Advisory Council

### Meeting Notes 11/19/2024

#### Administrator update

- Joshua Whitworth is the Executive Director for the State Board of Education and he will oversee the division until a successor has been named.

#### SkillStack® Updates

- We get our data for SkillStack® from a longitudinal data system—ISEE (Idaho System for Educational Excellence)
- We get a data set from them in October, November, December, and March
- October & November rosters have been uploaded for CTE capstone courses
- Developer co-developed an API to help with the Workforce Readiness Assessment badges and the Technical Skills Assessment badges that is done by CTECS—a third party vendor for testing.
- Working on two sets of new badges:
  - [Digital Navigator Badges](#)
  - [State Department of Education Math Badges](#)

#### Open Badges Discussion

- **What is an Open Badge?**
  - Characteristics
    - Rich metadata / Machine verifiable.
    - Verifiable (by employers/schools/etc.), -
    - Portable (wallets/CLR,portfolios),
    - Stackable (build toward larger achievements).
  - Handout: [Open Badges 2-pager FINAL Feb 2024.pdf - Google Drive](#)
  - [Home | IMS Open Badges](#)
  - Open Badge Standards and Specifications: [Open Badges | 1EdTech](#)
  - [Product Certifications | 1EdTech](#) - Trusted App
  - Video: Open Badges 3.0 -- <https://youtu.be/jbeVDQKgNKs?si=mdLpefWAZRMxaHDO>

#### IMAC Duration

- IMAC member duration: Thoughts?
  - 1-2 years - (3 years max) – as suggested by Dr. Clay Long before his departure from the division
  - We will send out a rotation schedule to fill out before next meeting

#### Scheduled: IDCTE/IMAC Webinar: SkillStack® and Academic Credits - A Case Study

- Rick sent a meeting invite to all members for the following:
- Dr. Clay Lambert (ISU) will share his experience using the SkillStack® microcredential platform to award digital badges to Law Enforcement students. These microcredentials create a pathway

for the students to enroll and earn a Basic Technical Certificate at Idaho State University. Presented in collaboration with the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education (IDCTE) and the Idaho Microcredential Advisory Council (IMAC).

Topic: IDCTE: SkillStack® and Academic Credits - A Case Study

Time: Dec 4, 2024 03:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85825179558>

Meeting ID: 858 2517 9558

Feedback from IMAC – *What microcredential related webinars / training do you feel is needed for the Idaho community?*

- Higher Education panel on how colleges manage and organizing their digital badging
- Employer piece of SkillStack® – training – outreach – success – marketplace – talent – skills-based hiring
- Badges in academic spaces – Gen Ed –
- Digital badging with IDOC/IDJC populations

Crosswalk work for IMAC (Heather)

- Related policy: [III.L Prior Learning](#)
- Course Transfer
  - If a student has earned a set of badges (i.e. graphic design) they could go to [coursetransfer.idaho.gov](https://coursetransfer.idaho.gov) and see what courses they could opt out of because they've earned those badges.
  - So now that there is no TCC, this course transfer will help students see what badges equal credit rather than leaving them guessing.
  - Talking to transition coordinators to get this started.

Upcoming Microcredential events, training, or new resources

- TrustEd Microcredential webinar (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>) - <https://www.1edtech.org/events/webinar-show-us-the-trusted-microcredential>
- Registration open for Digital Credentials Summit (March 3-5) - [About - 2025 Digital Credentials Summit](#)
- Article from Jed: Addressing the Real Challenges of Microcredential -- [Addressing the Real Challenges of Microcredential](#)