

National Organic Standards Board Meeting Tentative Agenda
Chase Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, MO Lindell Ballroom
November 16 - 18, 2016

Schedule at a Glance:

	Thursday Nov 3	Wednesday Nov 16	Thursday Nov 17	Friday Nov 18
MORNING		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call to Order/Welcome/Intros/Secretary's report - NOP report - NOP Peer review report - NOSB Report - Materials update - Public comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public comments continued - NOSB Discussion of Suggested NOP Priorities for FY 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crops Subcommittee - Presentation: State of the organic seed report - Policy Development Subcommittee - Livestock Subcommittee
AFTERNOON	<p>Public comment webinar</p> <p>1 – 4pm ET</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public comments continued - Group photo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CACS - Handling Subcommittee - Materials Subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deferred proposals/Final votes - Work agendas - NOSB Officer elections - Farewell to outgoing members - Other business/Closing remarks

Face-to-Face Meeting Format

- The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting. The NOSB Chair chairs the meeting.
- The USDA and National Organic Program (NOP) provide the NOSB with updates, and an overview of petitioned substances, sunset materials, and technical reports.
- The Board hears public comments, which are grouped by topic when possible, to facilitate review.
- NOSB members present Subcommittee proposals, reports and discussion documents, and discuss public comment, prior to voting on proposals. Final votes may be deferred to the last day of the meeting if more deliberation is needed. NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.
- There will be two 15-minute breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon) and a 75-minute lunch break mid-day.

Public Comments (Written and Oral)

- All persons are encouraged to provide written comments via Regulations.gov.
- All persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to sign up in advance. Instructions are available at www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings. There are two (2) opportunities to provide oral comments to the Board: One webinar and one face-to-face meeting. Walk-in comment slots may become available on a first come-first served basis at the meeting, if the schedule allows.
- Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot. Commenters will be allowed either a 3-minute time slot during the webinar, or a 3-minute time slot at the face-to-face meeting. Each commenter must state his/her name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment.

THURSDAY NOV 3	1:00 - 4:30 PM ET	<p>Public comment webinar Please see the NOSB meeting webpage for login information and instructions</p>
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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2016	9:00 AM	<p>Call to order, Agenda overview Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator</p> <p>Introductions NOSB members and NOP staff</p> <p>Secretary’s report, acceptance of April 2016 Meeting Summary as official record Lisa de Lima, Secretary</p>
	9:15 AM	<p>USDA National Organic Program report Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator, AMS National Organic Program (NOP)</p>
	10:15 AM	<p>NOP peer review report</p>
	10:45 AM	<p>NOSB report Tracy Favre, NOSB Chairperson</p>
	11:00 AM	<p>National Organic Program - Materials update/Summary of new and outstanding petitions Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager</p>
	11:15 AM	<p>BREAK (15 min)</p>
	11:30 AM - 6:00 PM	<p>Public comments</p>
	12:45 PM - 2:00 PM	<p>LUNCH</p>
	~4:00 PM	<p>BREAK</p>
	6:00 PM	<p>RECESS/GROUP PHOTO</p>

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2016	8:30 AM - 2:20 PM Break ~10:15, Lunch ~12:30	Public comments (15 min break @ ~10:15, 60 minute lunch at ~12:30)
	2:20 PM	NOSB discussion of suggested NOP priorities for fiscal year 2017
	2:30 PM	Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACs) Carmela Beck, Chairperson Topics: Discussion document: Personnel performance evaluations of inspectors (NOP 2027) Verbal Update: Eliminating the incentive to convert native ecosystems into organic crop production
	2:45 PM - 5:45 PM 15 min break @ ~ 3:30	Handling Subcommittee (HS) Harold Austin, Chairperson Topics: 2018 Sunset Substances: Agar-agar Animal enzymes Calcium sulfate-mined Carrageenan Glucono delta-lactone Tartaric acid Cellulose Potassium hydroxide Silicon dioxide Colors: Beta-carotene extract Proposal: Sodium chlorite for the generation of chlorine dioxide gas - petitioned Proposal: Oat protein concentrate - petitioned Proposal: Tocopherols - additional listing Proposal: Tocopherols - annotation change Discussion document: Cumulative impact of phosphates in organic processed foods Discussion document: Marine algae listings on National List Update: Xanthan gum reclassification Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready
	5:45 PM	Materials Subcommittee Lisa de Lima, Chairperson Topics: Proposal: Fall 2016 Research Priorities Proposal: Excluded methods terminology Discussion document: Excluded methods terminology Report to the USDA Secretary on progress to prevent GMO incursion into organic Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready
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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2016	<p>8:30 AM - 12:30 PM</p> <p>15 min break @ ~ 10:30</p> <p>30 min presentation after break (see 10:45 below)</p>	<p>Crops Subcommittee Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>2018 Sunset Substances: Copper sulfate Ozone gas Peracetic acid EPA List 3 - Inerts of unknown toxicity Calcium chloride</p> <p>Discussion document: Strengthen and clarify the requirements for use of organic seed (NOP 5029)</p> <p>Proposal: Aluminum sulfate - petitioned Proposal: Soy wax - petitioned Proposal: 1-methylcyclopropene (1-MCP) - petitioned Proposal: Ammonium citrate - petitioned Proposal: Ammonium glycinate - petitioned Proposal: Potassium cellulose glycolate - petitioned Proposal: Hydroponics (Bioponics)</p> <p>Discussion document: Container and greenhouse production - further clarifications</p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	~10:45 AM	<p>Presentation: State of the organic seed report Kristina Hubbard, Director of advocacy and communications, Organic Seed Alliance</p>
	12:30 PM	<p>LUNCH</p>
	1:45 PM	<p>Policy Development Subcommittee Tom Chapman, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>Proposal: Policy and procedure manual (PPM) revisions Proposal: Sunset Review - Efficient work load reorganization</p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
2:15 PM	<p>Livestock Subcommittee Ashley Swaffar, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>Proposal: Ivermectin removal - petitioned Proposal: Aluminum sulfate - petitioned Proposal: Sodium bisulfate - petitioned Proposal: Acid-activated bentonite - petitioned</p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>	

	3:15 PM	Deferred proposals/Final votes
	4:00 PM	BREAK
	4:15 PM	Subcommittee work agendas
	4:30 PM	NOSB Officer elections
	4:45 PM	Farewell to outgoing members
	5:15 PM	Other business and closing remarks
	5:30 PM	ADJOURN