

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

Schedule at a Glance:

A more detailed agenda and the meeting materials will be available on the AMS website by late September.

- Call to Order, Mr. Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program
- Introductions, Ms. Tracy Favre, NOSB Chair
- NOSB Report, Ms. Tracy Favre, NOSB Chair
- Secretary's Report, Ms. Lisa de Lima, Secretary
- NOP Report, Mr. Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program
- Materials Report, Dr. Lisa Brines, National List Manager
- Public Comment (continued from November 3 webinar)
- Subcommittee presentations, discussions, and votes (Order of Subcommittee presentations subject to change)
 - Materials Subcommittee
 - Crops Subcommittee
 - Livestock Subcommittee
 - Handling Subcommittee
 - Policy Development Subcommittee
 - Certification, Accreditation, and Subcommittee
- Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
- Work Agendas
- 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 facilitates 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 comment
- 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 NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.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 on November 3, 2016, 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 a 3-minute time slot for comments. Each commenter must state his/her name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment.