

**National Organic Standards Board Meeting Tentative Agenda**  
**Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver, CO Majestic Ballroom**  
**April 19 - 21, 2017**

Schedule at a Glance:

	<u>Thursday</u> <u>Apr 13</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> <u>Apr 19</u>	<u>Thursday</u> <u>Apr 20</u>	<u>Friday</u> <u>Apr 21</u>
MORNING		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call to Order/Welcome/ Intros/Secretary’s report</li> <li>- NOP report</li> <li>- NOSB report</li> <li>- Materials update</li> <li>- Public comments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public comments continued</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crops Subcommittee</li> <li>- Policy Dev Subcommittee</li> <li>- Materials Subcommittee</li> </ul>
AFTERNOON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public comment webinar</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">1 – 4pm ET</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public comments continued</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handling Subcommittee</li> <li>- Livestock Subcommittee</li> <li>- CACS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deferred proposals/Final votes</li> <li>- Work agendas</li> <li>- Certificates of appointment - new members</li> <li>- Other business/Closing remarks</li> </ul>

**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 NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.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](http://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](http://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.

**\*Note:** With the exception of biodegradable biobased mulch film (Crops), the materials included in the sunset review list are undergoing early sunset review based on the November 18, 2016 [NOSB recommendation on efficient workload re-organization](#).

<b>THURSDAY APR 13</b>	1:00 - 4:00 PM	<p><b>Public comment webinar</b> Please see the <a href="#">NOSB meeting webpage</a> for login information and instructions</p>
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<b>WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 2017</b>	9:00 AM	<p><b>Call to order, Agenda overview</b> Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator</p> <p><b>Introductions</b> NOSB members and NOP staff</p> <p><b>Secretary’s report, acceptance of <a href="#">Nov 2016 Meeting Summary</a> as official record</b> Jesse Buie, Secretary</p>
	9:30 AM	<p><b>USDA National Organic Program report</b> Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator, AMS National Organic Program (NOP)</p>
	10:30 AM	<p><b>NOSB report</b> Tom Chapman, NOSB Chairperson</p>
	10:45 AM	<p><b>National Organic Program - Materials update/Summary of new and outstanding petitions</b> Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager</p>
	11:00 AM	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
	11:15 AM - 6:00 PM	<p><b>Public comments</b></p>
		<p><b>12:45 PM LUNCH (1h15m)</b></p>
		<p><b>~4:00 PM BREAK (15 min)</b></p>
6:00 PM	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>	

<b>THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2017</b>	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Public comments</b>
		<b>10:30 AM BREAK (15 min)</b>
	12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	1:15 PM	<p><b>Handling Subcommittee (HS)</b> Lisa de Lima, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*2019 Sunset Substances - first posting for discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attapulgite</li> <li>Bentonite</li> <li>Diatomaceous earth</li> <li>Nitrogen</li> <li>Sodium carbonate</li> <li>Acidified sodium chlorite</li> <li>Carbon dioxide</li> <li>Chlorine Materials (Calcium hypochlorite, Chlorine dioxide, Sodium hypochlorite)</li> <li>Magnesium chloride</li> <li>Potassium acid tartrate</li> <li>Sodium phosphates</li> <li>Casings</li> <li>Konjac flour</li> <li>Pectin (non-amidated forms only)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Proposal: L-methionine - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Short DNA tracers - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Tocopherols - Annotation change at §205.605(b) of the National List</li> <li>Proposal: Marine algae listings on the National List</li> <li>Proposal: Ancillary substances permitted in cellulose</li> <li>Discussion document: Bisphenol A (BPA) in packaging</li> </ul> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	3:45 PM	<b>BREAK</b>

<b>THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2017</b>	4:00 PM	<p><b>Livestock Subcommittee</b> Ashley Swaffar, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*2019 Sunset Substances - first posting for discussion:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chlorine Materials (Calcium hypochlorite, Chlorine dioxide, Sodium hypochlorite)</li> <li>Chlorhexidine</li> <li>Glucose</li> <li>Oxytocin</li> <li>Tolazoline</li> <li>Copper sulfate</li> <li>Lidocaine</li> <li>Procaine</li> </ul> </li> <li>Discussion document: Clarifying “emergency” for use of synthetic parasiticides in organic livestock production</li> </ul> <p>Subcommittee discusses documents as needed</p>
	5:15 PM	<p><b>Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS)</b> Scott Rice, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal: Personnel performance evaluations of inspectors (NOP 2027)</li> <li>Discussion document: Eliminating the incentive to convert native ecosystems into organic crop production</li> </ul> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	6:00 PM	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>

<b>FRIDAY APRIL 21, 2017</b>	8:30 AM	<b>Crops Subcommittee</b> Francis Thicke, Chairperson
	15 min break ~10:30 AM	<b>Topics:</b>  *2019 Sunset Substances - first posting for discussion: Chlorine Materials (Calcium hypochlorite, Chlorine dioxide, Sodium hypochlorite) Herbicides, soap-based Biodegradable biobased mulch film Boric acid Sticky traps/barriers Copper sulfate Coppers, fixed Humic acids Micronutrients (Soluble boron products) Micronutrients (Sulfates, carbonates, oxides, or silicates of zinc, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, selenium, and cobalt) Vitamins B1, Vitamin C, Vitamin E Lead salts Tobacco dust (nicotine sulfate) Proposal: Strengthening the organic seed guidance (NOP 5029) Proposal: Marine algae listings on the National List Discussion document: Aeroponics/Hydroponics/Aquaponics  Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready
	12:00 PM	<b>Policy Development Subcommittee</b> Dan Seitz, Chairperson  <b>Verbal update/Status report</b>
	12:05 PM	<b>Materials Subcommittee</b> Harriet Behar, Chairperson  <b>Verbal update/Status report</b>
	12:15 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	1:30 PM	<b>Deferred proposals/Final votes</b>
	2:15 PM	<b>Subcommittee work agendas</b>
	2:30 PM	<b>Presentation of certificates of appointment to new members</b>
	3:00 PM	<b>Other business and closing remarks</b>
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