

National Organic Standards Board Meeting DRAFT Agenda
Intercontinental Saint Paul Riverfront Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101
October 24-26, 2018

Schedule at a Glance:

A more detailed agenda and the meeting materials will be available on the AMS website approximately 6 weeks before the meeting

- Call to Order, AMS Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program
- Introductions, Mr. Tom Chapman, NOSB Chair
- Secretary's Report, Mr. Scott Rice, Secretary
- NOP Report, AMS Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program
- NOSB Report, Mr. Tom Chapman, NOSB Chair
- Public Comment (continued from October 16 & 18, 2018 webinars)
- Subcommittee presentations, discussions, and votes (Order of Subcommittee presentations is subject to change)
 - Materials Subcommittee
 - Crops Subcommittee
 - Livestock Subcommittee
 - Handling Subcommittee
 - Certification, Accreditation, and Subcommittee
- Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
- Work Agenda
- 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 on NOP activities.
- 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 NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.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 90-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 <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-st-paul-mn>. The Board will hear comments during two webinars, on October 16 & 18, 2018, and during the in-person meeting. Walk-in comment slots may become available at the meeting, on a first come-first served basis, if the schedule allows.
- Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot either during the webinars or the in-person meeting. 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.