

## National Organic Standards Board Meeting Agenda **TENTATIVE**

Virtual via Zoom. All times Eastern.

### Schedule at a Glance:

	TUE OCT 20 & THU OCT 22	WEDNESDAY OCT 28	THURSDAY OCT 29	FRIDAY OCT 30
AFTERNOON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public comment webinar(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call to Order</li> <li>- Agenda Overview</li> <li>- Introductions</li> <li>- Secretary's report</li> <li>- NOSB report</li> <li>- USDA/NOP update</li> <li>- Livestock Subcommittee (LS)</li> <li>- Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS)</li> <li>- Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handling Subcommittee (HS)</li> <li>- Materials Subcommittee (MS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crops Subcommittee (CS)</li> <li>- Work agendas/ Materials update</li> <li>- NOSB Officer elections</li> <li>- Farewell to outgoing members</li> <li>- Other business/Closing remarks</li> </ul>

### Virtual Meeting Format

- NOTE: Members of the public will be able to see informational slides and hear the live discussion by board members.
  - Please be aware that the meeting may run ahead or behind schedule.
  - The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting.
  - The NOSB Chair presides over the meeting.
  - 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 end of the meeting if more deliberation is needed.
- NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.

### Public Comments (Written and Oral)

- Written Comments: Written comments may be viewed at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).
- Oral Comments: Two oral comment webinars scheduled for October 20 and 22, 2020. The 30-day registration period to sign up for oral comments will close October 1, 2020.
- The public is welcome to listen to the comment webinars. Please see the [NOSB meeting webpage](#) for login instructions for each session, to be posted before each meeting.
- Each person registered to make public comments is allocated three minutes, as in past years, to allow time for as many speakers as possible. Each commenter will be asked to state their name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment.

<b>TUE/THU OCT 20 &amp; 22</b>	NOON - 5:00 PM ET (w/breaks)	<b>Public comment webinars</b> Please see the <a href="#">NOSB meeting webpage</a> for more information and links to join the Zoom meeting
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<b>WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2020</b>	12:00 PM ET	<b>NOSB Meeting Day 1</b> Please see the <a href="#">NOSB meeting webpage</a> for more information and links to join the Zoom meeting
		<b>Call to Order, Agenda Overview, Introductions</b> NOSB Members and NOP Deputy Administrator
		<b>Secretary's report (acceptance of Spring 2020 meeting summary as official record)</b> Jesse Buie, Secretary
		<b>NOSB report</b> Steve Ela, NOSB Chairperson
	12:30 PM	<b>National Organic Program Update   Guest speaker from Customs and Border Protection</b>
	2:00 PM	<b>LUNCH Offline (60m)</b>
	3:00 PM	<b>Livestock Subcommittee (LS)</b> Sue Baird, Chairperson  <b>Topics:</b> Proposal: Fenbendazole - petitioned 2022 Sunset substances reviews: Butorphanol Flunixin Magnesium hydroxide Poloxalene Formic acid EPA List 4 - Inerts of Minimal Concern Excipients Strychnine  Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents, and votes on proposals
	4:15 PM	<b>Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS)</b> Rick Greenwood, Chairperson  <b>Topics:</b> Discussion Document: Consent Calendar Voting
4:30 PM	<b>Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS)</b> Scott Rice, Chairperson  <b>Topics:</b> Discussion Document: Human Capital Management	
5:00 PM	<b>RECESS</b>	

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 29, 2020**

RECONVENE  
12:00 PM ET  
– 4:30 PM

(1 hour  
lunch @  
~2:00)  
OFFLINE

**NOSB Meeting Day 2**

Please see the [NOSB meeting webpage](#) for more information and links to join the Zoom meeting

**Handling Subcommittee (HS)**

Asa Bradman, Chairperson

**Topics:**

Proposal: Low-acyl gellan gum - petitioned

Proposal: Ion exchange filtration

2022 Sunset substances reviews:

Kaolin

Sodium bicarbonate

Waxes - nonsynthetic (Wood resin)

Ammonium bicarbonate

Ammonium carbonate

Calcium phosphates (monobasic, dibasic, and tribasic)

Ozone

Sodium hydroxide

Carnauba wax

Colors (18)

Glycerin

Inulin-oligofructose enriched

Kelp

Orange shellac-unbleached

Starches: Cornstarch (native)

Starches: Sweet potato starch

Turkish bay leaves

Whey protein concentrate)

Discussion Document: Whey protein concentrate - petitioned for removal

Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents, and votes on proposals

4:30 PM

**Materials Subcommittee (MS)**

Dave Mortensen, Chairperson

**Topics:**

Proposal: Research Priorities 2020

Proposal: Marine Macroalgae in Crop Fertility Inputs

Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents, and votes on proposals

5:00 PM

**RECESS**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 30, 2020**

RECONVENE  
12:00 PM ET

**NOSB Meeting Day 3**

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**Crops Subcommittee (CS)**

Jesse Buie, Chairperson

**Topics:**

Proposal: Paper (Plant pots and other crop production aids) - petitioned

Proposal: Wild, native fish for liquid fish products

Proposal: Sodium carbonate lignin - petitioned

2022 Sunset substances review:

Soap-based algicide/demossers

Ammonium carbonate

Soaps, insecticidal

Vitamin D3

Aquatic plant extracts

Lignin sulfonate

Sodium silicate

EPA List 4 - Inerts of minimal concern

Arsenic

Strychnine

Discussion Document: Ammonia Extract - petitioned

Discussion Document: Biodegradable biobased mulch annotation change

**Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents, and votes on proposals**

2:30 PM

**LUNCH Offline (60m)**

3:30 PM

**NOSB work agendas/Materials update**

**NOSB Officer elections**

**Farewell to outgoing members**

**Other business and closing remarks**

5:00 PM

**ADJOURN**