

**FORMAL RECOMMENDATION BY THE
NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD (NOSB)
TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM (NOP)**

Date: 3/29/07

Subject: Revisions to the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual

Chair: Andrea Caroe

Recommendation

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action: _____
Guidance Statement: _____
Other: X

Statement of the Recommendation (including Recount of Vote):

Acceptance of five revisions to the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual:

1. Clarification on procedures for counting abstentions - (Section II, p12)
2. Flow chart illustrating the role of the NOSB Executive Director - (Section III, p13)
3. Committee chair role in facilitating transition of committee chairs – (Section V, p19)
4. Section on procedures for the transition of committee chairs – (Section V, p20)
5. Section on procedures to present committee recommendations – (Section V, p21)

NOSB Vote: Motion: R. Delgado Second: B. James

Board vote: Yes - 13 No- 0 Abstain- 0 Absent - 2

Rationale Supporting Recommendation (including consistency with OFPA and NOP):

The proposed revisions will improve the process of conducting NOSB business.

Response by the NOP:

National Organic Standards Board
Final Recommendation for
Five revisions to the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual
Date: 3/29/07

I. List: *(where in FR rule example 205.606)*

N/A

II. Committee Summary:

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III. Board Recommendation

To accept the five revisions to the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual.

Board vote:

Moved: R. Delgado Second: B. James

Board vote: Yes- 13 No- 0 Absent- 2 Abstain-0 Recuse -0