

National Organic Standards Board Meeting Draft Agenda
October 13 & 14 and October 19 - 21, 2021
Holiday Inn Sacramento Downtown - Arena (California/Diablo/El Dorado/Fresno Room)

Schedule at a Glance:

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

Virtual

- Public Comment webinars (Wednesday, October 13 & Thursday, October 14, 2021)

In Sacramento, CA

- Call to Order/Welcoming Remarks/Agenda Overview
- Introductions (NOSB and NOP)
- Secretary's Report
- NOP Report
- NOSB Report
- Public Comment (Tuesday, October 19 & Wednesday, October 20, 2021)
- Subcommittee presentations, discussions, and votes (Order subject to change)
 1. Certification, Accreditation, and Subcommittee
 2. Crops Subcommittee
 3. Handling Subcommittee
 4. Livestock Subcommittee
 5. Materials Subcommittee
 6. Policy Development Subcommittee
- Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
- NOSB Officer elections
- Work Agenda review
- Other Business/Closing Remarks

Face-to-Face Meeting Format

- **NOTE:** Please note time zones listed in agenda.
- The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting.
- The NOSB Chair presides over the meeting.
- The NOSB hears public comments, and then each Subcommittee presents its agenda items and discusses 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NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.
- Please be aware that the meeting may run ahead or behind schedule. Recess and adjournment times may vary based on completion of business.

How to Participate: Public Comments (Written and Oral)

- **Written Comments:** The NOSB encourages people to submit written comments. Written comments can be submitted to [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) through September 30, 2021.
- **Oral Comments:** All persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to sign up in advance. Instructions are available on the [NOSB meeting webpage](#). The NOSB will hear comments during the following times: October 13 & 14, 2021 (via webinars), and Tuesday, October 19 and Wednesday, October 20 (in-person). The 30-day registration period to sign up for oral comments will close September 30, 2021.
- 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, and to observe guidance set forth in the [NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual \(p. 33\)](#).