

National Organic Standards Board Meeting Agenda EXTERNAL
October 17 & 19 and October 24 - 26, 2023
Marriott Providence Downtown - One Orms Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904

Schedule at a Glance:

| | TUE Oct 17 & THU Oct 19 | TUESDAY OCT 24 | WEDNESDAY OCT 25 | THURSDAY OCT 26 |
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| MORNING | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome, Call to Order, Agenda Overview, NOP Introductions - NOSB Introductions - Secretary's report - NOSB report - USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk Management Agency (RMA) presentation - Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACs) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handling Subcommittee (HS) |
| AFTERNOON | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public comment webinar(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TOPP presentations - Livestock Subcommittee (LS) - Group photo | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS) - Crops Subcommittee (CS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Materials Subcommittee (MS) - Deferred Votes - Officer Elections - Work agendas/ Materials' update - Closing remarks |

In-person Meeting Format

- NOTE: The meeting will be broadcast live via Zoom. Please note time zones listed in agenda.
- Please be aware that the meeting may run ahead or behind schedule. Recess and adjournment times may vary based on completion of business.
- 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 NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.

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 28, 2023.
- 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: Tuesday, October 17 and Thursday, October 19 (via webinars). The 30-day registration period to sign up for oral comments will close September 28, 2023.
- Each person registered to make public comments is allocated 3 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 \(p. 33\)](#).
- The public is welcome to listen to the comment webinars. Please see the NOSB meeting webpage, or schedule below, for login instructions for each session.

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| TUE/THU OCT 17 & 19 | NOON - 5:00 PM ET (w/breaks) | Public comment webinars (Zoom) Same link both days. Meeting ID: 160 328 3661 If you need to join by phone: +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose) +1 646 964 1167 US (US Spanish Line) +1 646 828 7666 US (New York) |
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| TUESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2023 | 10:00 AM ET | NOSB Business Meeting (Zoom for virtual attendees) . Same link all 3 days. Meeting ID: 160 964 4718 If you need to join by phone: +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose) +1 646 964 1167 US (US Spanish Line) +1 646 828 7666 US (New York) Welcome, Call to Order, Agenda Overview, NOP Introductions Dr. Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator NOSB Introductions Nate Powell-Palm, NOSB Chairperson Secretary’s report (acceptance of Spring 2023 meeting summary as official record) Amy Bruch, Secretary NOSB report Nate Powell-Palm, NOSB Chairperson |
| | 11:30 AM | BREAK |
| | 11:45 AM | USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update, and NOP - NOSB Q&A Dr. Jennifer Tucker, AMS/NOP |
| | 12:45 PM | LUNCH |
| | 2:15 PM | Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) Presentations |
| | 3:15 PM (+ 15 m break mid-way) | Livestock Subcommittee (LS) Kim Huseman, Chairperson Topics: 2025 Livestock Sunset Reviews: Alcohols: Ethanol Alcohols: Isopropanol Aspirin Biologics - Vaccines Electrolytes Glycerin(e) Phosphoric acid Lime, hydrated Mineral oil |
| | 5:00 PM | RECESS |
| | 5:10 PM | NOSB Group Photo |

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2023

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| RECONVENE 10:00 AM ET | USDA Risk Management Agency Francie Tolle, Director of Product Administration & Standards Division |
| 10:30 AM | Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Amy Bruch, Chairperson Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal: Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Consistent Location Identification Discussion Document: Enforcement: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain Discussion Document: Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture: Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance Discussion Document: Opportunities in Organic - Improving Support for Organic Transition |
| 11:30 AM | BREAK |
| 11:45 AM | Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) - Continued |
| 1:00 PM | LUNCH |
| 2:30 PM | Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS) Allison Johnson, Chairperson Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal Update: PPM Updates |
| 2:45 PM | Crops Subcommittee (CS) Amy Bruch, Chairperson Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal: Potassium sorbate - petitioned 2025 Crops Sunset Reviews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohols: Ethanol Alcohols: Isopropanol Sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate Newspaper or other recycled paper, without glossy or colored inks Plastic mulch and covers Aqueous potassium silicate Elemental sulfur Lime sulfur Hydrated lime Liquid fish products Sulfurous acid Ethylene gas Microcrystalline cheesewax Potassium chloride |
| 3:30 PM | BREAK |
| 4:15 PM | Crops Subcommittee (CS) - Continued |
| 5:45 PM | RECESS |

THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 2023

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| <p>RECONVENE 10:00 AM ET</p> | <p>Handling Subcommittee (HS) Kyla Smith, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics: Discussion Document: Magnesium carbonate - petitioned Discussion Document: Magnesium carbonate hydroxide - petitioned 2025 Handling Sunset Reviews: Calcium carbonate Flavors Gellan gum (high-acyl form only) Xanthan gum Gums - water extracted only (Arabic; Guar; Locust bean; and Carob bean) Tamarind seed gum Tragacanth gum Oxygen Potassium chloride Alginates Calcium hydroxide Ethylene Glycerides (mono and di) Magnesium stearate Phosphoric acid Potassium carbonate Sulfur dioxide Fructooligosaccharides (FOS) Lecithin - de-oiled</p> |
| <p>11:30 AM</p> | <p>BREAK</p> |
| <p>11:45 AM</p> | <p>Handling Subcommittee (HS) continued</p> |
| <p>1:00 PM</p> | <p>LUNCH</p> |
| <p>2:30 PM</p> | <p>Materials Subcommittee (MS) Wood Turner, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics: Proposal: Research Priorities 2023</p> |
| <p>3:00 PM</p> | <p>Deferred Votes</p> <p>NOSB Officer Elections</p> <p>BREAK</p> <p>NOSB work agendas/Materials update</p> <p>Other business and closing remarks</p> |
| <p>~4:30 PM</p> | <p>ADJOURN</p> |