National Organic Standards Board Meeting Agenda  
April 18 & 20 (Virtual) and April 25 - 27, 2023 (Atlanta + Live webcast)  
Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown 590 West Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta, GA  30308  
(Georgia Ballroom East and West)

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In-person Meeting Format

- **NOTE**: The meeting will be in-person, but will also be broadcast live via Zoom. Please note time zones listed in the 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 **NOTE**: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.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 April 5, 2023. Docket # AMS-NOP-22-0071
- **Oral Comments**: All persons wishing to provide oral comments must sign up in advance. Instructions are available on the [NOSB meeting webpage](https://www.nosb.ars.usda.gov). The NOSB will hear comments during the following times: Tuesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 20 (via webinars). The 30-day registration period to sign up for oral comments will close April 5, 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)](https://www.nosb.ars.usda.gov).
- The public is welcome to listen to the comment webinars and attend the meeting, either in person or via Zoom. Please see the NOSB meeting webpage, or schedule below, for login instructions for each session.

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<td><strong>TUE/THU APRIL 18 &amp; 20</strong></td>
<td><strong>NOON - 5:00 PM ET</strong> <em>(w/breaks)</em> <em>Public comment webinars (Zoom)</em> Same link both days. Meeting ID: 160 673 2698 If you need to join by phone: +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose) +1 646 828 7666 US (New York) +1 415 449 4000 US (US Spanish Line) +1 551 285 1373 US One tap mobile +16692545252,,1606732698# US (San Jose) +16468287666,,1606732698# US (New York)</td>
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| **TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2023** | **10:00 AM ET** **NOSB Business Meeting** 
**Online:** Zoom for virtual attendees. Same link all 3 days. Meeting ID: 161 241 4222 If you need to join by phone, use same phone numbers as for webinar above.  
**In-person:** Crowne Plaza 590 West Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30308  
**Call to Order** Dr. Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator  
**Agenda Overview, NOP Introductions** Dr. Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator  
**Welcoming Remarks**  
**NOSB Introductions** Nate Powell-Palm, NOSB Chair  
**Secretary’s report (acceptance of Fall 2022 meeting summary as official record)** Amy Bruch, Secretary  
**NOSB report** Nate Powell-Palm, NOSB Chairperson  
12:00 PM **BREAK Offline**  
12:15 PM **USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update, and NOP - NOSB Q&A** Dr. Jennifer Tucker, AMS/NOP  
1:15 PM **LUNCH Offline**  
2:45 PM **Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Update** Amy Bruch, Chairperson  
**Topics:**  
Proposal: Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture - Organic IS climate smart  
Discussion Document: Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance  
Discussion Document: Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Consistent Location Identification  
5:00 PM **RECESS**
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<td>Tony Dorn, USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Chief, Environmental, Economics and Demographics Branch</td>
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| 10:00 AM ET  | Crops Subcommittee (CS) | Amy Bruch, Chairperson  
**Topics:**  
- Discussion document: Potassium sorbate - petitioned  
- 2025 Crops Sunset Reviews:  
  - 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  |
| ~12:30 PM    | LUNCH Offline          |                                                                        |
| 2:00 PM      | 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  |
| 3:00 PM      | Materials Subcommittee (MS) | Wood Turner, Chairperson  
**Topics:**  
- Discussion Document: 2023 Research Priorities  
- Discussion Document: Excluded Methods TBD list update  
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| RECONVENE 10:00 AM ET | **Handling Subcommittee (HS)**  
Kyla Smith, Chairperson  
**Topics:**  
Proposal: Ion exchange filtration - Resins  
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 |
| ~11:15 AM | **BREAK offline** |
| 11:30 AM | **Handling Subcommittee (HS) continued** |
| 12:15 PM | **Deferred Votes**  
**NOSB work agendas/Materials update**  
**Other business and closing remarks** |
| ~1:00 PM | **ADJOURN** |