

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

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 (Tuesday, October 17 & Thursday, October 19, 2023)

In Providence, RI and available live via webcast

- Call to Order/Welcoming Remarks/Agenda Overview
- Introductions (NOSB and NOP)
- Secretary's Report
- NOP Update
- NOSB Report
- Subcommittee presentations, discussions, and votes (Order subject to change)
 - Certification, Accreditation, and Subcommittee
 - Crops Subcommittee
 - Handling Subcommittee
 - Livestock Subcommittee
 - Materials Subcommittee
 - 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.
- Each Subcommittee presents its agenda items and discusses public comment, prior to voting on proposals. The NOSB may defer votes 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NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.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. Please submit written comments to [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) through September 28, 2023.
- **Oral Comments:** Please sign up in advance if you wish to provide oral comments. Instructions are available on the [NOSB meeting webpage](#). The NOSB will hear comments via webinars during the following times: October 17 & 19, 2023. Comment registration will be open for 30-days and will close September 28, 2023.
- 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 \(p. 33\)](#).