

National Organic Standards Board Meeting DRAFT Agenda  
Westin Crystal City | 1800 Richmond Highway | Arlington, Virginia 22202  
April 29 - May 1, 2020

Schedule at a Glance:

A more detailed agenda and the meeting materials will be available on the AMS website approximately 6 weeks before the meeting

- Call to Order, AMS Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program
- Introductions, NOSB Chair
- Secretary's Report, NOSB Secretary
- NOP Report, AMS Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program
- NOSB Report, NOSB Chair
- Public Comment (continued from April 21 & 23, 2020 webinars)
- Subcommittee presentations, discussions, and votes (Order of Subcommittee presentations is subject to change)
  - Certification, Accreditation, and Subcommittee
  - Crops Subcommittee
  - Handling Subcommittee
  - Livestock Subcommittee
  - Materials Subcommittee
  - Policy Development Subcommittee
- Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
- Work Agenda review
- Other Business/Closing Remarks

**Face-to-Face Meeting Format**

- The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting. The NOSB Chair presides over the meeting.
- The National Organic Program (NOP) provides the NOSB with updates.
- The Board hears public comments.
- 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 last day of the meeting if more deliberation is needed. NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed. at the discretion of the Board.
- There will be two 15-minute breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon) and a 90-minute lunch break mid-day. Recess and adjournment times may vary based on completion of business.

**Public Comments (Written and Oral)**

- All persons are encouraged to provide written comments via Regulations.gov.
- All persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to sign up in advance. Instructions are available at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-crystal-city-va>. There are two (2) opportunities to provide oral comments to the Board: During webinar(s) on April 21 & 23, 2020, and during the in-person meeting. Persons can only register for one speaking slot. Walk-in comment slots may become available on a first come-first served basis at the meeting, if the schedule allows.
- Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot. Commenters will be allowed a 3-minute time slot during either the webinar or at the face-to-face meeting. Each commenter must state his/her name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment.