

National Organic Standards Board Meeting Tentative Agenda
Intercontinental Saint Paul Riverfront Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55101 Great River Ballrooms 1 & 4
October 24-26, 2018

Schedule at a Glance:

	Tue/Thu Oct 16 & 18	Wednesday Oct 24	Thursday Oct 25	Friday Oct 26
MORNING		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call to Order/Welcome/Intros/Secretary's report - NOSB report - USDA/AMS/NOP update - Public comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public comments continued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Livestock Subcommittee - Handling Subcommittee
AFTERNOON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public comment webinar(s) 1 - 4pm ET 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public comments continued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Materials Subcommittee - CACS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crops Subcommittee - Deferred proposals/ Final votes - Work agendas/ Materials update - Officer Elections - 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 USDA and National Organic Program (NOP) provide the NOSB with updates and an overview of petitioned substances, sunset materials, and technical reports.
- 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 NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.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-st-paul-mn>. There are two (2) opportunities to provide oral comments to the Board: During webinar(s) on October 16 and 18, 2018, and during the in-person meeting. 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.

TUE/THU OCT 16 & 18	1:00 - 4:00 PM ET	<p>Public comment webinar(s)</p> <p>Please see the NOSB meeting webpage for login information and instructions</p>
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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2018	8:30 AM	<p>Call to Order, Agenda Overview Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator</p> <p>Introductions USDA representatives and NOSB members</p> <p>Secretary's report (acceptance of Spring 2018 Meeting Summary as official record) Scott Rice, Secretary</p>
	9:15 AM	<p>NOSB report Tom Chapman, NOSB Chairperson</p>
	9:30 AM	<p>USDA and Agricultural Marketing Service, National Organic Program Update Jennifer Tucker, NOP Associate Deputy Administrator</p>
	10:15 AM	<p>BREAK</p>
	10:30 AM – 5:30 PM	<p>Public comments</p>
		<p>12:30 PM LUNCH</p>
		<p>~3:45 PM BREAK</p>
5:30 PM	<p>RECESS</p>	

THURSDAY OCTOBER 25, 2018

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Public comments continued
	~10:15 BREAK
12:15 PM	LUNCH
1:45 PM	Materials Subcommittee Harriet Behar, Chairperson Topics: Proposal: 2018 Research priorities Proposal: Genetic integrity transparency of seed grown on organic land Proposal: Excluded methods determinations October 2018 Discussion document: Marine materials in organic crop production Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready
3:15 PM	BREAK
3:30 PM	Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Scott Rice, Chairperson Topics: Proposal: Developing criteria for risk-based accreditation oversight Proposal: Training and oversight of inspector and certification reviewer personnel Verbal update: Analysis of feedback from the Spring 2018 import panel Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready
5:30 PM	RECESS

8:30 AM

Livestock Subcommittee (LS)

Ashley Swaffar, Chairperson

Topics:

- 2020 Sunset substances review:
 - Alcohols: ethanol, isopropanol
 - Aspirin
 - Biologics, vaccines
 - Electrolytes
 - Glycerin
 - Phosphoric acid
 - Lime, hydrated
 - Mineral oil
 - Sucrose octanoate esters
- Discussion document: Oxalic acid - petitioned

Subcommittee discusses documents as needed
Board votes if ready

9:30 AM

Handling Subcommittee (HS)

Lisa de Lima, Chairperson

+ 15 min
break

Topics:

- 2020 Sunset substances review:
 - Calcium carbonate
 - Flavors
 - Gellan gum
 - Oxygen
 - Potassium chloride
 - Alginates
 - Calcium hydroxide
 - Ethylene
 - Glycerides (mono and di)
 - Magnesium stearate
 - Phosphoric acid
 - Potassium carbonate
 - Sulfur dioxide
 - Xanthan gum
 - Fructooligosaccharides (FOS)
 - Gums: Arabic, Carob bean, Guar, Locust bean
 - Lecithin - de-oiled
 - Tragacanth gum
- Proposal: Sodium chlorite for the generation of chlorine dioxide gas - petitioned
- Proposal: Silver dihydrogen citrate - petitioned
- Proposal: Japonese pepper - petitioned
- Proposal: Ethiopian pepper - petitioned
- Proposal: Tamarind seed gum - petitioned
- Discussion document: Pullulan - petitioned
- Discussion document: Collagen gel (casing) - petitioned

Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed
Board votes if ready

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26, 2018

12:15 PM	LUNCH
1:45 PM + 15 min break midway	Crops Subcommittee (CS) Steve Ela, Chairperson Topics: 2020 Sunset substances review: Alcohols: ethanol, isopropanol Sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate Newspaper or other recycled paper Plastic mulch and covers Aqueous potassium silicate Elemental sulfur Lime sulfur Sucrose octanoate esters Hydrated lime Liquid fish products Sulfurous acid Ethylene Microcrystalline cheesewax Potassium chloride Proposal: Allyl isothiocyanate (AITC) - petitioned Proposal: Sodium citrate - petitioned Proposal: Natamycin - petitioned Proposal: Strengthening the organic seed guidance October 2018 Discussion document: Ammonium citrate and Ammonium glycinate - petitioned Discussion document: Calcium acetate - petitioned Discussion document: Paper pots - petitioned Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready
4:00 PM	Deferred proposals/Final votes
4:15 PM	NOSB work agendas/Materials update
4:30 PM	Officer Elections
4:45 PM	Other business and closing remarks
5:00 PM	ADJOURN