

**National Organic Standards Board Meeting Agenda
Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC - Blue Room
April 25-27, 2016**

Schedule at a Glance:

	Tuesday April 19	Monday April 25	Tuesday April 26	Wednesday April 27
MORNING		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call to Order/Intros/DC Welcome/Secretary's Report - NOP Report - NOSB Report - Materials Update - Hydroponics Task Force update - Public Comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Comments Continued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CACS - Handling Subcommittee - Crops Subcommittee
AFTERNOON	<p>Public comment webinar</p> <p>1 – 4pm ET</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Comments Continued - Group Photo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel: Emerging Techniques in Agricultural Biotechnology - Materials Subcommittee - Livestock Subcommittee - Policy Dev Subcomm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deferred proposals/Final votes - Work Agendas - Appointment Letters & Certificates Presentations - 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 chairs 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, which are grouped by topic when possible, to facilitate review.
- 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 NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.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 75-minute lunch break mid-day.

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 www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings. There are two (2) opportunities to provide oral comments to the Board: One webinar and one face-to-face 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 either a 4-minute time slot during the webinar, or a 3-minute time slot at the face-to-face meeting. Each commenter must state his/her name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment.

TUESDAY APRIL 19, 2016	1:00 - 4:00 PM	<p>Public comment webinar See the NOSB webpage for login information and instructions www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings.</p> <p>Comments from the webinar will be available in the meeting transcripts ~ 3 weeks after the close of the face-to-face meeting.</p>
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MONDAY APRIL 25, 2016	9:00 AM	<p>Call to order, Agenda overview Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator</p> <p>Introductions Tracy Favre, Chairperson</p> <p>Secretary's report, acceptance of October 2015 Meeting Summary as official record Lisa de Lima, Secretary</p> <p>Welcome to DC Elanor Starmer, AMS Administrator</p> <p>USDA Organic Working Group update Betsy Rakola, AMS Organic Policy Advisor</p>
	9:30 AM	<p>National Organic Program report Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program (NOP)</p>
	10:30 AM	<p>NOSB report Tracy Favre, NOSB Chairperson</p>
	10:45 AM	<p>National Organic Program - Materials update/Summary of new and outstanding petitions Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager</p>
	11:00 AM	<p>BREAK (15 min)</p>
	11:15 AM	<p>Hydroponics Task Force update Dr. Stacy Tollefson, University of Arizona and Dr. John Biernbaum, Michigan State University</p>
	12:00 PM	<p>Public comments (Continued from April 19 Webinar)</p>
	12:45 PM	<p>LUNCH (75 min)</p>
	2:00 PM	<p>Public comments (Continued)</p>
	~4:00 PM	<p>BREAK (15 min)</p>
	6:00 PM	<p>RECESS</p>

TUESDAY APRIL 26, 2016	8:30 AM	Public comments
	10:15 AM	BREAK (15 min)
	10:30 AM	Public comments continued
	12:00 PM	LUNCH (75 min)
	1:15 PM	<p>Panel: Emerging Techniques in Agricultural Biotechnology Dr. David Gould (International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements) (IFOAM)) Dr. Michael Hansen (Consumers Union) Dr. Ralph Scorza (USDA-Agricultural Research Service) Dr. William Tracy (University Wisconsin-Madison)</p>
	2:45 PM	BREAK (15 min)
	3:00 PM	<p>Materials Subcommittee Lisa de Lima, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics: Proposal: Excluded methods terminology Discussion document: Excluded methods terminology Discussion document: Seed purity - next steps</p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	4:00 PM	<p>Livestock Subcommittee Ashley Swaffar, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics Proposal: Hypochlorous acid - petitioned Proposal: Annotation changes for lidocaine and procaine Proposal: Annotation change for parasiticides</p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	5:00 PM	<p>Policy Development Subcommittee Tom Chapman, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics: Proposal: Policy and procedure manual (PPM) revisions Discussion document: Sunset timeline reorganization</p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	5:45 PM	RECESS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27, 2016	8:30 AM	<p>Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Carmela Beck, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics: Verbal Update: Assessment of soil conservation practices</p>
	8:45 AM	<p>Handling Subcommittee Harold Austin, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 Sunset Materials Agar-agar Animal enzymes Calcium sulfate-mined Carrageenan Glucono delta-lactone Tartaric acid Cellulose Potassium hydroxide Silicon dioxide Colors: Beta-carotene extract Proposal: Sodium & Potassium lactate - petitioned Proposal: Oat beta-glucan - petitioned Proposal: Hypochlorous acid - petitioned Proposal: Sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate (SDBS) - petitioned Proposal: Ancillary substances Discussion document: Nutrient vitamins and minerals - annotation change <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	10:30 AM	BREAK (15 min)
	10:45 AM	Handling Subcommittee continued

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27, 2016	11:45 AM	<p>Crops Subcommittee Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 Sunset Substances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copper sulfate Ozone gas Peracetic acid EPA List 3 - Inerts of unknown toxicity Calcium chloride Proposal: Ash from manure burning - petitioned Proposal: Squid and squid byproducts - petitioned Proposal: Hypochlorous acid - petitioned Proposal: Soy wax - petitioned Discussion document: Prohibition of nonyl phenol ethoxylates (NPEs) in inerts annotation change Verbal update: Inerts Working Group <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	12:30 PM	LUNCH (75 min)
	1:45 PM	Crops Subcommittee continued
	3:00 PM	BREAK (15 min)
	3:15 PM	Deferred proposals/Final votes
	4:15 PM	Subcommittee work agendas
	4:30 PM	Presentation of appointment letters and certificates for incoming members
	4:45 PM	Other business and closing remarks
	5:00 PM	ADJOURN