

**National Organic Standards Board Meeting Tentative Agenda**  
**Omni Jacksonville Hotel Jacksonville, Florida 32202 Florida Salons ABC**  
**October 31 - November 2, 2017**

Schedule at a Glance:

	<u><a href="#">Tue/Thu Oct 24 &amp; 26</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Tuesday Oct 31</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Wednesday Nov 1</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Thursday Nov 2</a></u>
<b>MORNING</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call to Order/Welcome/ Intros/Secretary’s report</li> <li>- NOP report</li> <li>- ANSI peer review report</li> <li>- NOSB report</li> <li>- Panel - Imports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public comments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Livestock Subcommittee</li> <li>- Handling Subcommittee</li> </ul>
<b>AFTERNOON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Public comment webinar(s)</li> </ul> <p>1 – 4pm ET</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Materials update</li> <li>- Public comments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crops Subcommittee</li> <li>- Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee CACS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Materials Subcommittee</li> <li>- Deferred proposals/Final votes</li> <li>- Work agendas</li> <li>- Recognition of outgoing member</li> <li>- Officer elections</li> <li>- Other business/Closing remarks</li> <li>- NOSB Group photo</li> </ul>

**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 NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.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 75-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](http://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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings). There are two (2) opportunities to provide oral comments to the Board: During webinar(s) on October 24 and 26, 2017, and during the 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 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.

<b>TUE/THU OCT 24 &amp; 26</b>	1:00 - 4:00 PM	<p><b>Public comment webinar(s)</b></p> <p>Please see the <a href="#">NOSB meeting webpage</a> for login information</p>
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<b>TUESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2017</b>	8:30 AM	<p><b>Call to order, Agenda overview</b> AMS National Organic Program (NOP)</p> <p><b>Introductions</b> NOSB members and NOP staff</p> <p><b>Secretary’s report</b> (acceptance of <a href="#">April 2017 Meeting Summary</a> as official record) Jesse Buie, Secretary</p>
	9:00 AM	<p><b>USDA National Organic Program report</b> AMS National Organic Program (NOP)</p>
	9:45 AM	<p><b>ANSI Peer review update</b> AMS National Organic Program (NOP)</p>
	10:00 AM	<p><b>NOSB report</b> Tom Chapman, NOSB Chairperson</p>
	10:15 AM	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<p><b>Panel - Imports</b> Panelists: Michael Durando (USDA Marketing Orders and Agreements Division); Matt Farmer (USDA APHIS/Plant Protection and Quarantine); Daniel Collier (U.S. Customs and Border Protection); USDA National Organic Program Representative</p>
	12:30 PM	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
	2:00 PM	<p><b>National Organic Program - Materials update/Summary of new and outstanding petitions</b> Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager</p>
	2:15 PM - 6:15 PM	<p><b>Public comments</b></p>
		<p><b>~3:45 PM BREAK</b></p>
6:15 PM	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>	

<b>WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2017</b>	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Public comments</b>
		<b>~10:30 BREAK</b>
	12:30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM  15 min break ~3:30 PM	<p><b>Crops Subcommittee</b> Dr. Francis Thicke, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 Sunset Substances - review</li> <li>Chlorine materials (calcium hypochlorite, chlorine dioxide, sodium hypochlorite)</li> <li>Herbicides, soap-based</li> <li>Biodegradable biobased mulch film</li> <li>Boric acid</li> <li>Sticky traps/barriers</li> <li>Copper sulfate</li> <li>Coppers, fixed</li> <li>Humic acids</li> <li>Micronutrients (soluble boron products)</li> <li>Micronutrients (sulfates, carbonates, oxides, or silicates of zinc, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, selenium, and cobalt)</li> <li>Vitamin B1, Vitamin C, Vitamin E</li> <li>Lead salts</li> <li>Tobacco dust (nicotine sulfate)</li> <li>Proposal: Fatty Alcohols (octanol/decanol mix) - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Anaerobic digestate - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Strengthening the organic seed guidance (NOP 5029)</li> <li>Proposal: Hydroponics and Container Growing</li> <li>Discussion document: Field and greenhouse container production</li> <li>Verbal update: Newspaper - annotation change</li> </ul> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	5:00 PM	<p><b>Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS)</b> Scott Rice, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal: Eliminating the incentive to convert native ecosystems to organic crop production</li> <li>Proposal: Excluded operations in the supply chain (uncertified handlers)</li> </ul> <p><b>Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed</b> <b>Board votes if ready</b></p>
5:30 PM	<b>RECESS</b>	

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2017

<p>8:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Livestock Subcommittee</b> Ashley Swaffar, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 Sunset Substances - review               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chlorhexidine</li> <li>Chlorine materials (calcium hypochlorite, chlorine dioxide, sodium hypochlorite)</li> <li>Glucose</li> <li>Oxytocin</li> <li>Tolazoline</li> <li>Copper sulfate</li> <li>Lidocaine</li> <li>Procaine</li> </ul> </li> <li>Proposal: Sulfur - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Hypochlorous acid - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Clarifying “emergency” for use of synthetic parasiticides in organic livestock production</li> </ul> <p>Subcommittee discusses documents as needed Board votes if ready</p>
<p>10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p>10:15 AM</p>	<p><b>Handling Subcommittee (HS)</b> Lisa de Lima, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 Sunset Substances - review               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attapulgit</li> <li>Bentonite</li> <li>Diatomaceous earth</li> <li>Nitrogen</li> <li>Sodium carbonate</li> <li>Acidified sodium chlorite</li> <li>Carbon dioxide</li> <li>Chlorine materials (calcium hypochlorite, chlorine dioxide, sodium hypochlorite)</li> <li>Magnesium chloride</li> <li>Potassium acid tartrate</li> <li>Sodium phosphates</li> <li>Casings</li> <li>Konjac flour</li> <li>Pectin (non-amidated forms only)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Proposal: Potassium acid tartrate reclassification</li> <li>Discussion document: Marine materials</li> <li>Verbal update: Tocopherols - Annotation change at §205.605(b) of the National List</li> <li>Verbal update: Tocopherols - Additional listing at §205.605(a) of the National List</li> <li>Verbal update: Ancillary substances used in cellulose</li> </ul> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready</p>

12:30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
2:00 PM	<p><b>Materials Subcommittee</b> Harriet Behar, Chairperson</p> <p>Proposal: 2017 Research Priorities Proposal: Excluded Methods Terminology Discussion document: Non-GMO organic seed integrity</p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready</p>
3:15 PM	<b>Deferred proposals/Final votes</b>
3:45 PM	<b>Subcommittee work agendas</b>
4:00 PM	<b>Presentation of certificate of appreciation to outgoing member</b>
4:15 PM	<b>Officer Elections</b>
4:30 PM	<b>Other business and closing remarks</b>
4:45 PM	<b>ADJOURN</b>
	<b>NOSB GROUP PHOTO</b>