



National Organic Standards Board Meeting

Providence, RI, October 15-18, 2012

Agenda

Schedule at a Glance

	Monday Oct 15	Tuesday Oct 16	Wednesday Oct 17	Thursday Oct 18
AM	- Call to Order - Secretary's Report - NOP Update - Open Public Comment	- GMO ad-hoc Subcommittee - Crops Subcommittee	- Handling Subcommittee	- Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee - Deferred Items - Final Votes
PM	- Livestock Subcommittee	- Materials Subcommittee	- Policy Development Subcommittee	- Officer Elections - Subcommittee Work Plans - Other Business - Closing Remarks

Meeting Format

- The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) National List Manager presents an overview of petitioned substances and Technical Reports in consistent format.
- NOSB members present Subcommittee discussion documents and proposals on petitioned substances.
- Public comments are grouped to correspond with each Subcommittee's presentation.
- Each Subcommittee's proposals are discussed and may be voted on by the Board before moving to the next Subcommittee.
- If more deliberation is needed, final votes will be deferred to Thursday, October 18.
- NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes may be postponed at the discretion of the Board.

Public Comments

- All persons wishing to comment at NOSB meetings during public comment periods should sign up in advance. Commenters can sign up in person at the meeting if the schedule allows.
- Each commenter must state their name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of his or her public comment.
- Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot. Speakers have been allotted 4 minutes to testify with 3 minutes for questions and answers from the Board.



Monday, October 15	8:00 AM	Call to Order <i>Dr. Barry Flamm, Chairperson</i> - Announcements - Introductions - NOSB Mission
	8:15 AM	Secretary's Report <i>Dr. Wendy Fulwider, Secretary</i> - Acceptance of May 2012 Meeting Transcripts and Voting Results as Official Record
	8:30 AM	National Organic Program Update Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program Mark Lipson, Organic and Sustainable Agriculture Policy Advisor, OSEC-MRP
	9:30 AM	Break
	9:45 AM	Open Public Comment - Public comments that are not specific to a particular Subcommittee, or which address topics not on the agenda
	12:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 PM	Open Public Comment continued
	2:15 PM	Livestock Subcommittee <i>Dr. Wendy Fulwider, Chairperson</i> - Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments Topics: - Proposal: Nonanoic acid (pelargonic acid) - petitioned - Proposal: Pet Food Amino Acids - petitioned - Discussion document: Omnivore diets (methionine) - GMO Vaccines Working Group update: Dr. Jean Richardson (15 min)
	3:00 PM	Break
	3:15 PM	- Public comments related to Livestock Subcommittee
	4:45 PM	- Break for Subcommittee to modify proposals as needed - Board votes if ready
	5:30 PM	Recess



Tuesday, October 16	8:00 AM	GMO Ad Hoc Subcommittee Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson - Present Subcommittee proposal and summarize written comments Topics: - Discussion document: GMOs and seed purity
	8:15 AM	- Public comments related to GMO Ad Hoc Subcommittee
	9:05 AM	Break
	9:20 AM	Crops Subcommittee Jay Feldman, Chairperson - Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments Topics: - Proposal: Ferric Phosphate - petitioned - Proposal: Oxidized lignite (humic acid) - petitioned - Proposal: Propylene glycol monolaurate (PGML)- petitioned - Proposal: Review of Inert Ingredients - Proposal: Rotenone (For 205.602) - Proposal: Sulfuric acid - petitioned - Proposal: Biodegradable Mulch Film Made From Bioplastics – petitioned
	11:00 AM	- Update from the Tree Fruit Working Group: David Granatstein - Presentation: Consumers Union: Dr. Urvashi Rangan - Presentation: Organic Seed Alliance: Kiki Hubbard
	12:15 PM	LUNCH
	1:15 PM	- Public comments related to Crops Subcommittee
	3:20 PM	Break
	3:35 PM	- Break for Subcommittee to modify proposals as needed - Board votes if ready



Tuesday, October 16	4:15 PM	Materials Subcommittee <i>Dr. Jennifer Taylor, Chairperson</i> - Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments Topics: - Proposal: Research Priorities
	4:30 PM	- Public comments related to Materials Subcommittee
	4:45 PM	- Break for Subcommittee to modify proposals as needed - Board votes if ready
	5:00 PM	Recess



Wednesday, October 17	8:00 AM	Handling Subcommittee <i>John Foster, Chairperson</i> - Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments - Representatives from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) (Dr. Jatinder Bhatia) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (Dr. Sue Anderson), invited by the NOP, will be available to respond to Board member questions. Topics: - Proposal: Ascorbyl palmitate - petitioned - Proposal: Beta-carotene (synthetic) - petitioned - Proposal: Lutein - petitioned - Proposal: Lycopene - petitioned - Proposal: L-Carnitine - petitioned - Proposal: L-Methionine - petitioned - Proposal: Taurine - petitioned - Proposal: Nucleotides - petitioned - Discussion document: Auxiliary/"other" ingredients
	10:00 AM	BREAK
	10:15 AM	- Public comments related to Handling Subcommittee
	12:30 PM	LUNCH (until 1:45 when Handling Subcommittee returns from break)
	1:30 PM	- Break for Subcommittee to modify proposals as needed - Board votes if ready
	3:00 PM	BREAK



Wednesday, October 17	3:15 PM	Policy Development Subcommittee <i>Colehour Bondera, Chairperson</i> - Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments Topics: - Proposal: Conflict of Interest and Ethics - Proposal: Public Comment Procedures - Proposal: Public Communications
	4:00 PM	- Public comments related to Policy Development Subcommittee
	4:45 PM	- Break for Subcommittee to modify proposals as needed - Board votes if ready
	5:30 PM	Recess



Thursday, October 18	8:00 AM	Compliance, Accreditation and Certification Subcommittee <i>Joe Dickson, Chairperson</i> - Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments Topics: - Discussion document: Calculating Percentage of Organic Ingredients - Discussion document: Biodiversity update
	8:30 AM	- Public comments related to CAC Subcommittee
	8:50 AM	Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
	10:00 AM	BREAK
	10:15 AM	Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
	12:00 PM	LUNCH
	1:00 PM	Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
	3:00 PM	BREAK
	3:15 PM	NOSB Officer Elections
	3:30 PM	Subcommittee Workplans
	4:45 PM	Other Business and Closing Remarks - Farewell/presentation of plaque to Barry Flamm
	5:00 PM	Adjourn