

**National Organic Standards Board Meeting Agenda - Tentative**  
**October 13 & 14 and October 19 - 21, 2021**  
**Virtual**

**Schedule at a Glance:**

	<b>WED OCT 13 &amp; THU OCT 14</b>	<b>TUESDAY OCT 19</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY OCT 20</b>	<b>THURSDAY OCT 21</b>
<b>AFTERNOON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public comment webinar(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call to Order, Introductions</li> <li>- Welcoming Remarks</li> <li>- Agenda Overview</li> <li>- Secretary's report</li> <li>- NOSB report</li> <li>- USDA/NOP update</li>   <li>- Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS)</li> <li>- Livestock Subcommittee (LS)</li> <li>- Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crops Subcommittee (CS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handling Subcommittee(HS)</li> <li>- Materials Subcommittee (MS)</li> <li>- Deferred Votes</li> <li>- Officer Elections</li> <li>- Work agendas/Materials' update</li> <li>- Recognition of outgoing members</li> <li>- Closing remarks</li> </ul>

**Meeting Format**

- NOTE: The meeting will be broadcast via Zoom. Login information can be found below and on the [NOSB meeting webpage](#). Please note time zones listed in agenda.
- The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting. The NOSB Chair presides over the meeting.
- Each Subcommittee presents its agenda items and discusses public comment, prior to the NOSB voting on proposals. Final votes may be deferred to the end of the meeting if more deliberation is needed. NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.
- Please be aware that the meeting may run ahead or behind schedule. Recess and adjournment times may vary based on completion of business.

**How to Participate: Public Comments (Written and Oral)**

- Written Comments: The NOSB encourages people to submit written comments. Written comments must be submitted to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov) through September 30, 2021.
- Oral Comments: All persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to sign up in advance. There are two oral comment webinars scheduled for October 13 & 14, 2021, noon - 5:00 pm Eastern. The 30-day registration period to sign up for oral comments will close September 30, 2021. Sign up here: [NOSB meeting webpage](#)
- The public is welcome to observe the comment webinars without registering. Please see the [NOSB meeting webpage](#) for login instructions for each session.
- Each person registered to make public comments is allocated three minutes, as in past years, to allow time for as many speakers as possible. Each commenter will be asked to state their name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment, and to observe guidance set forth in the [NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual \(p. 33\)](#).

WED/THU OCTOBER 13 & 14	12:00 - 5:00 PM Eastern (ET)	<p><b>Public comment webinars</b> (Zoom - same link each day)  <a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcOmrrT4sHOudbJJjq8VleB5lvKWHvuM">https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltcOmrrT4sHOudbJJjq8VleB5lvKWHvuM</a>  Meeting ID: 160 703 3566  If you need to join by phone:  +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose), +1 551 285 1373 US, +1 646 828 7666 US (New York)</p>
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DAY 1: TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2021	12:00 PM ET	<p><b>NOSB Meeting</b> (Zoom - same link each day)  <a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_EZwzl0XTQlaqECrBK6lazz">https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_EZwzl0XTQlaqECrBK6lazz</a>  Meeting ID: 161 369 6715  If you need to join by phone:  +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)  +1 551 285 1373 US  +1 646 828 7666 US (New York)</p> <p><b>Call to Order and Introduction of Welcoming Speakers</b>  Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator</p> <p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b>  Secretary Karen Ross, California Department of Food and Agriculture  Jenny Lester Moffitt, USDA Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs</p> <p><b>Agenda Overview, and National Organic Program (NOP) Introductions</b>  Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator</p> <p><b>NOSB Introductions</b>  Steve Ela, NOSB Chair</p> <p><b>Secretary’s report (acceptance of Spring 2021 meeting summary as official record)</b>  Mindee Jeffery, Secretary</p> <p><b>NOSB report</b>  Steve Ela, NOSB Chairperson</p> <p><b>AMS, National Organic Program Update/Open Discussion - Key Topics of Interest</b>  Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of USDA Organic Policy Advisor, Marni Karlin</li> <li>• Update on key program activities; Discussion and request for feedback from Board on regulatory priorities, including Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices, Origin of Livestock, and Strengthening Organic Enforcement</li> </ul>
	2:00 PM	<b>Lunch - Offline</b>
	3:00 PM	<p><b>Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS)</b>  Mindee Jeffery, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b>  Discussion Document: Public comment process</p>

<b>DAY 1: TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2021</b>	3:30 PM	<p><b>Livestock Subcommittee (LS)</b> Kim Huseman, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b>  2023 Sunset substances reviews:  Activated charcoal  Calcium borogluconate  Calcium propionate  Chlorine materials (Calcium hypochlorite, Chlorine dioxide, hypochlorous acid, sodium hypochlorite)  Kaolin pectin  Mineral Oil  Nutritive supplements  Propylene glycol  Sodium chlorite, acidified  Zinc sulfate</p>
	4:30 PM	<p><b>Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS)</b> Nate Powell-Palm, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b>  Proposal: Letter to Secretary re Climate Change initiatives  Discussion Document: Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Modernization of organic traceability infrastructure</p>
	5:15 PM	<b>Recess</b>

<b>DAY 2: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2021</b>	RECONVENE 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM ET	<p><b>Crops Subcommittee (CS)</b> Rick Greenwood, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b>  Proposal: Chitosan - plant disease control - petitioned  Proposal: Biochar - petitioned  Proposal: Kasugamycin - petitioned  Proposal: Hydronium - petitioned  Proposal: Carbon Dioxide - petitioned  Proposal: Lithothamnion  Proposal: Biodegradable biobased mulch film annotation change  Proposal: Sodium nitrate - petitioned by NOSB  Proposal: Ammonia Extract - petitioned  2023 Sunset substances review:  Copper sulfate  Ozone gas  Peracetic acid  EPA List 3 - Inerts of unknown toxicity  Chlorine materials (Calcium hypochlorite, Chlorine dioxide, hypochlorous acid, sodium hypochlorite)  Magnesium oxide  Calcium chloride  Rotenone</p>
	2:00 PM	<b>Lunch - Offline</b>
	5:30 PM	<b>Recess</b>

**DAY 3: THURSDAY OCTOBER 21, 2021**

RECONVENE 12:00 PM ET	<b>Handling Subcommittee (HS)</b> Jerry D'Amore, Chairperson <b>Topics:</b> Proposal: Zein - petitioned Proposal: Fish oil annotation 2023 Sunset substances reviews: Agar-agar Animal enzymes Calcium sulfate - mined Carrageenan Glucono delta-lactone Tartaric acid Cellulose Chlorine materials (Calcium hypochlorite, Chlorine dioxide, hypochlorous acid, sodium hypochlorite) Potassium hydroxide Silicon dioxide Potassium lactate Sodium lactate
2:30 PM	<b>Lunch - Offline</b>
3:30 PM	<b>Materials Subcommittee (MS)</b> Wood Turner, Chairperson <b>Topics</b> Proposal: Research Priorities 2021 (WT) Discussion Document: Excluded Methods Fall 2021 (MJ)
4:15 PM	<b>Deferred Votes</b> <b>NOSB Officer Elections</b> <b>NOSB work agendas/Materials update</b> <b>Recognition of outgoing members</b> <b>Other business and closing remarks</b>
5:30 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>