



National Organic Standards Board Meeting

St. Anthony Hotel, 300 East Travis Street, San Antonio, TX 78205 Anacacho Ballroom

April 29 – May 2, 2014

Agenda

Schedule at a Glance

	Tuesday April 29	Wednesday April 30	Thursday May 1	Friday May 2
MORNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call to Order - NOSB Administration - Policy Development Subcommittee - Materials Update/ Process Overview - NOP Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Comment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Livestock Subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deferred Items/ Final Votes - NOSB Officer Elections - Subcommittee Work Plans - Other Business/ Closing Remarks
AFTERNOON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation: Organic Agriculture at USDA - Presentation: (NRCS) - Discussion: Overarching Ideas and Undercurrents in Organics - Public Comment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crops Subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee - Handling Subcommittee - Materials Subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adjourn

Meeting Format

- The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) National List Manager presents an overview of petitioned substances and technical reports in consistent format.
- The Board hears public comments, which are grouped by topic to facilitate review.
- NOSB members present and discuss Subcommittee proposals and discussion documents; NOSB votes on proposals. Final votes may be deferred to Friday May 2, 2014 if more deliberation is needed.
- NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes may be postponed at the discretion of the Board.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

****IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS****

- Many of the proposals that would have been discussed at the cancelled October 2013 NOSB meeting will be discussed at the April 2014 meeting instead. If you submitted comments at that time, and the NOSB has not revised the proposal, you **DO NOT** need to resubmit your comments. If a document was revised, it is noted below by a “*”. If a proposal is new for spring 2014 it is marked with a “+”. This is also noted on the Subcommittee [proposals webpages](#), and at the top of each proposal.
- If you signed up for in-person oral comments for fall 2013, you **WILL** have to do so again for spring 2014.
- All persons wishing to comment at NOSB meetings during the public comment period must sign up in advance. Instructions are available at www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings. Speaking slots for walk-in commenters are not guaranteed. Walk-in commenters can sign up in person at the meeting if the schedule allows.
- Each commenter must state his/her name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment.



Tuesday, April 29, 2014	8:30 AM	<p>Call to Order, Agenda Overview Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator</p> <p>Introductions, NOSB Mission Mac Stone, Chairperson and John Foster, Vice Chairperson</p> <p>Secretary's Report, Acceptance of April 2013 Meeting Summary and Voting Results Dr. C. Reuben (Calvin) Walker, Secretary</p>
		<p>NOSB Assessment, OFPA, FACA, NOSB Charter, Operating Guidelines Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator</p>
		<p>Policy Development Subcommittee Dr. Jean Richardson, Chairperson</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Update on status of PDS and fall 2013 documents</p>
		<p>National Organic Program - Materials Update/Petition Process Overview Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Summary of New and Outstanding Petitions Petition Process</p>
		BREAK
		<p>National Organic Program - Sunset Review Process, Rulemaking Process, NOP Report Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager Dr. Melissa Bailey, Director, Standards Division Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator</p>
		LUNCH
		<p>Organic Agriculture at USDA Mark Lipson, USDA Organic Policy Coordinator/Chair of USDA's Organic Working Group</p>
		<p>Overview of USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Sarah Brown (NRCS)</p>
		<p>Discussion: Overarching Ideas and Undercurrents in Organics NOSB</p>
3:00 PM	Public Comment	
5:30 PM	RECESS	



* Fall 2013 document revised
 + New for spring 2014
 Lack of notation indicates no revisions to fall 2013 document

Wednesday, April 30	8:30 AM	Public Comment
		BREAK
		Public Comment
		LUNCH
		Public Comment
	3:00 PM	Crops Subcommittee Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments Topics: *Proposal: Streptomycin - petitioned *Proposal: Magnesium Oxide - petitioned + Proposal: Vinasse - petitioned + Proposal: Laminarin - petitioned Verbal update: Inerts (no document) *Sunset 2015 Review List: Sulfurous Acid Sodium Carbonate Peroxyhydrate Aqueous Potassium Silicate
		BREAK
		Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready
	5:30 PM	RECESS



Thursday, May 1	8:30 AM	<p>Livestock Subcommittee Tracy Favre, Chairperson</p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>Proposal: Methionine in Organic Poultry Feed (MET) - petitioned Proposal: Acidified Sodium Chlorite (ASC) - petitioned Verbal update: Vaccines from Excluded Methods (GMO Vaccines) (no document)</p> <p>*Proposal: Aquaculture - Chlorine (for aquatic animals) - petitioned *Proposal: Aquaculture - Tocopherols (for aquatic animals) - petitioned *Proposal: Aquaculture - Minerals (for aquatic animals) - petitioned Proposal: Aquaculture - Vitamins (for aquatic animals) - petitioned +Proposal: Aquaculture - Biologics: Vaccines (for aquatic animals) – petitioned</p> <p>+Proposal: Aquaculture - Micronutrients (for aquatic plants) - petitioned +Proposal: Aquaculture - CO₂ (for aquatic plants) - petitioned +Proposal: Aquaculture - Chlorine (for aquatic plants) - petitioned +Proposal: Aquaculture - Lignin Sulfonate (for aquatic plants) - petitioned +Proposal: Aquaculture - Vitamins B1, B12, H (for aquatic plants) - petitioned</p>
	BREAK	
	Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready	
	LUNCH	
	1:30 PM	<p>Compliance, Accreditation and Certification Subcommittee Carmela Beck, Chairperson</p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>*Proposal: Guidance on Retail Certification Proposal Discussion Document: Clarifying Accredited Certifying Agents’ Application of §205.206(e) Verbal Summary/Update: Sound and Sensible (no document)</p>
Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready		



Thursday, May 1

2:30 PM

Handling Subcommittee

Harold Austin, Chairperson

Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments

Topics:

*Proposal: Ammonium Hydroxide (boiler water additive) - petitioned

Proposal: Glycerin - petitioned for removal

Discussion Document: Polyalkylene Glycol Monobutyl Ether (PGME) - petitioned

Update: Ancillary Substances (no document)

*Sunset 2015 Review List:

Gellan Gum

Tragacanth Gum

Marsala

Sherry

BREAK

Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed

Board votes if ready

4:15 PM

Materials Subcommittee

Dr. C. Reuben (Calvin) Walker, Chairperson

Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments

Topics:

Proposal: Update of Petition & Technical Review Process

Proposal: Confidential Business Information in Petitions (CBI)

Proposal: Fall 2013 Research Priorities

+ Written report: Seed Purity from GMOs

Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed

Board votes if ready

5:30 PM

RECESS



Friday, May 2	8:30 AM	Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
		BREAK
		Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
		NOSB Officer Elections
		Subcommittee Workplans
		Other Business and Closing Remarks
	12:30 PM	ADJOURN