



National Organic Standards Board Meeting
Galt House Hotel, Grand Ballroom B, Louisville, KY October 28-30, 2014
Agenda

Schedule at a Glance:

	Tuesday Oct 28	Wednesday Oct 29	Thursday Oct 30
MORNING	Call to Order/Introductions/ Secretary's Report NOP Report USDA Organic Action Plan Materials Update Public Comments	Public Comments	Livestock Subcommittee Crops Subcommittee Deferred Items/Final Votes
AFTERNOON	Public Comments Continued Materials Subcommittee	Handling Subcommittee Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee	NOSB Officer Elections Subcommittee Work Plans Plaque Presentation Other Business/Closing Remarks

Meeting Format

- The Designated Federal Officer (DFO)/NOP Deputy Administrator will call the meeting to order. After the meeting is called to order the NOSB Chair will chair/facilitate the meeting.
- The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) National List Manager presents an overview of petitioned substances, Sunset materials, 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 Thursday October 30, 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- NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes may be postponed at the discretion of the Board.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.

Oral Public Comments

- 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.
- Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot, followed by time for questions from the Board. The amount of time provided for public comments will be determined by the number of commenters and the time available.



TUESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2014	8:30 AM	<p>Call to Order, Agenda Overview Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator</p> <p>Introductions, NOSB Mission Dr. Jean Richardson, Chairperson and John Foster, Vice Chairperson</p> <p>Secretary’s Report, Acceptance of April 2014 Meeting Transcripts and Voting Results as Official Record Mac Stone, Secretary</p> <p>Welcome from Kentucky local</p>
	9:00 AM	<p>National Organic Program Report Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program (NOP)</p>
	9:45 AM	<p>USDA Organic Action Plan Betsy Rakola, USDA Organic Policy Advisor</p>
	10:15 AM	BREAK
	10:30 AM	<p>National Organic Program - Materials Update/Summary of New and Outstanding Petitions Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager</p>
	10:50 AM	Public Comments that address multiple topics or topics not on the agenda + comments that address the Materials Subcommittee
	12:15 PM	LUNCH
	1:30 PM	Public Comments Continued
	3:30 PM	BREAK
	3:45 PM	Public Comments Continued
	4:30 PM	<p>Materials Subcommittee (MS) Dr. C. Reuben (Calvin) Walker, Chairperson</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Present Subcommittee proposals and discussion documents. Summarize written comments</p> <p>Topics: Proposal: Fall 2014 Research Priorities Discussion Document: Excluded Methods Terminology</p>
	5:00 PM	Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready
5:30 PM	RECESS	



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2014	8:30 AM	Public Comments that address the Handling, CACS, Livestock and Crops Subcommittees
	10:30 AM	BREAK
	10:45 AM	Public Comments Continued
	12:15 PM	LUNCH
	1:30 PM	<p>Handling Subcommittee (HS) Harold Austin, Chairperson</p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and discussion documents. Summarize written comments</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>Proposal: Glycerin - petitioned for removal Proposal: Whole Algal Flour - petitioned</p> <p>2015 Sunset Reviews/Proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gellan Gum Tragacanth Gum Marsala Sherry <p>2016 Sunset Summaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Egg White Lysozyme L-Malic Acid Microorganisms Activated Charcoal Peracetic Acid Cyclohexylamine Diethylaminoethanol Octadecylamine Sodium Acid Pyrophosphate Tetrasodium Pyrophosphate (TSPP)
	3:30 PM	BREAK
	3:45 PM	Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready
	5:00 PM	<p>Compliance, Accreditation and Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Carmela Beck, Chairperson</p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and discussion documents. Summarize written comments</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>Discussion Document: Assessment of Soil Conservation Practices</p>
5:30 PM	RECESS	



THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2014

8:30 AM	<p>Livestock Subcommittee (LS) Tracy Favre, Chairperson</p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and discussion documents. Summarize written comments</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>Proposal: Vaccines from Excluded Methods (GMO Vaccines) Verbal Report: Aquaculture Review History</p>
9:00 AM	<p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
9:15 AM	<p>Crops Subcommittee (CS) Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson</p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and discussion documents. Summarize written comments</p> <p>Topics:</p> <p>Verbal Update: Inerts Discussion Document: Contamination Issues in Farm Inputs Literature Review 2015 Sunset - Reviews/Proposals Sulfurous Acid Sodium Carbonate Peroxyhydrate Aqueous Potassium Silicate 2016 Sunset - Summaries Ferric Phosphate Hydrogen Chloride</p>
10:30 AM	BREAK
10:45 AM	<p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
11:30 AM	Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
12:30 PM	LUNCH
1:15 PM	NOSB Officer Elections
2:15 PM	Subcommittee Workplans
2:45 PM	Presentation of Plaques for Outgoing Members
3:15 PM	Other Business and Closing Remarks
3:30 PM	ADJOURN