



2026 AAFCO Midyear Meeting  
New Orleans, Louisiana | January 20-22

## Business Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

9:00–10:15 AM CST

Salon A–E, third floor

**1. Meeting Called to Order at 9:08 AM CST – Laura Scott, President**

**2. Acknowledgement of Awards – Laura Scott, President**

- E.B. Voorhees Award
  - Eric Nelson – For a career of outstanding vision, leadership, promotion, and dedication to the association and assuring safe animal feed.
- Presidential Award
  - Ashlee-Rose Ferguson – For her dedicated work in furthering the goals of the association
- Appreciation Awards
  - Pet Food Labeling Workshop Workgroup: Lizette Beckman, Bill Bookout, Kelsi Brown, Nicholas Ceppi, Alisha Christian, Rachel Ellsworth, Jennifer Gornert, Kristen Green, Holly Jewel, Pam Kaufman, Tiffany Leschishin, Melanie Marquez, Jo Lynn Otero, Katie Simpson, Angele Thompson
  - Feed Administrators Seminar Subcommittee: Lorey Bell-Grady, Jenny Combs, Kristen Green, Al Harrison, Marissa Kost, Rick Manthei, Bethany McAnulty, Bernadette Mundo, Daniel Zangari
  - SRIS Steering Committee: Garret Ashabranner, Sharon Benz, Erin Bubb, Marissa Cohen, Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Berit Foss, Emily Helms, Haley Larson, Laura Scott, Kristi Smedley, David Snell, Charles Starkey, Leah Wilkinson
  - Strategic Planning Leadership: Linda Morrison

**3. In Memoriam – Laura Scott, President**

- [Lloyd Payne, FDA](#)



- [Nancy K. Cook, Pet Food Institute](#)



- [Roger Doyle Hoestenbach Jr., Office of the Texas State Chemist](#)



- [Bernadette M. Dunham, FDA CVM](#)



4. Roll Call – Ashlee-Rose Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer

**Ferguson confirmed after roll call 45 out of 51 voting members are present.**

**Present:** Alabama, Arkansas, Canada, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

**Proxy:** Washington voting via proxy for Arizona, Nevada, Vermont, Wyoming

**Absent:** Costa Rica, Delaware, Hawaii, Mississippi, Oregon, Rhode Island

5. Call for Resolutions – Laura Scott, President (Due April 30, 2026)

6. Acceptance of Committee Reports – Laura Scott, President, and Dan King, President-Elect

*All open committee reports are published on the AAFCO website on the 2025 Annual Meeting page,*

right side, under the heading "Committee Reports."

Note that not all committee reports are publicly available.

Animal Feed	Finance	Model Bill and Regulations
Current Issues and Outreach	Ingredient Definitions	Pet Food
Education and Training	Inspection and Sampling	Proficiency Testing Program
Enforcement Issues	Laboratory Methods and Services	Strategic Affairs

**Motion.** Board recommends acceptance of the committee reports. Minnesota moved. North Dakota Seconded. Motion Carries.

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### 7. Acceptance of Committee Recommendations – Laura Scott, President & Dan King, President-Elect

#### Ingredient Definitions Committee

#### 1. **New Official: 57.170 Zinc-L-Selenomethionine Complex [(2S)-2-amino-4-(methylseleno)butanoate zinc chloride]**

Zinc-L-Selenomethionine Complex [(2S)-2-amino-4-(methylseleno)butanoate zinc chloride], is manufactured by the reaction of a soluble zinc salt with chemically synthesized L-selenomethionine at an appropriate stoichiometric ratio. The additive is produced in liquid form and consists of not less than 19 percent (weight/weight) of L-selenomethionine.

- (a) The zinc-L-selenomethionine complex meets the following specifications:
  - (1) Arsenic, not more than 0.5 parts per million (ppm);
  - (2) Cadmium, not more than 1 ppm;
  - (3) Lead, not more than 1 ppm; and
  - (4) Mercury, not more than 0.1 ppm.
- (b) Selenium, as zinc-L-selenomethionine complex, is added to complete feed for broiler chickens at a level not to exceed 0.3 ppm.
- (c) The additive, as zinc L-selenomethionine complex, shall be incorporated into each ton of complete feed by adding no less than 1 pound of a premix containing no more than 272.4 milligrams of added selenium per pound.
- (d) To assure safe use of the additive, in addition to the other information required by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, the label and labeling of zinc-L- selenomethionine complex in its packaged form shall contain:
  - (1) The name of the additive, zinc-L-selenomethionine complex;
  - (2) Minimum and maximum guarantees for total selenium;
  - (3) Minimum guarantee for selenomethionine content;
  - (4) The following statement, "Storage Conditions: zinc-L-selenomethionine complex must be stored in a closed package at temperature not higher than 25 °C (77 °F)."; and
  - (5) An expiration date not to exceed 6 months from the date of manufacture.
- (e) The premix manufacturer shall follow good manufacturing practices in the production of selenium premixes. Inventory, production, and distribution records must provide a complete and accurate history of product production. Production controls must assure products to be what they are purported and labeled. Production controls shall include analysis sufficient to adequately monitor quality.
- (f) The label or labeling of any selenium premix shall bear adequate directions and cautions for use

including this statement: “Caution: Follow label directions. The addition to feed of higher levels of this premix containing selenium is not permitted.

21 CFR 573.920

**Motion.** The Board recommends acceptance. Minnesota moved. Pennsylvania Seconded. Motion Carries.  
**Nay:** Texas

Texas noted that the ingredient has already been approved by FDA. Therrell clarified that current ingredient definitions that were approved under the MOU can be modified through multiple pathways, with the SRIS process being one of them.

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### 2. **New AGRN 72, for Table 101.1**

AGRN	Notifier	Substance	Common or Usual Name	Intended Use	Intended Species	Date of Filing	FDA’s Letter (select to view)
72	Protekta, Inc.	Synthetic sodium aluminosilicate	Synthetic sodium aluminosilicate	To be used to maintain calcium balance in peri parturient dairy cows fed at a level of 400 grams synthetic sodium aluminosilicate/head/day for up to 14 days	Dairy Cattle	8/19/24	<a href="#">FDA has no questions.</a>  (PDF – 3 pages)

**Motion.** The Board recommends acceptance. Minnesota Moved. Pennsylvania Seconded. Motion Carries.

Texas questioned whether the SRIS process would bypass elements of federal review followed by the AGRN process and if a risk assessment is being performed when evaluating submissions to SRIS.

Pennsylvania confirmed that a safety assessment is already incorporated in the SRIS submission pathway, like the AGRN process. Texas requested clarification that “risk assessment” and “safety assessment” are equivalent in scope and rigor. Dave Edwards (FDA-CVM) clarified that AGRN is a GRAS notice process that includes a safety assessment for submitted ingredients, with Canada adding that the SRIS review process is designed to align with the GRAS approach. Texas further noted that their evaluations rely on the Red Book model for risk assessment, highlighting that differences between “risk assessment” and “safety assessment” may require future clarification.

Garret Ashabranner (SRIS program manager from Kansas State Olathe) clarified that the primary issue is one of nomenclature and that the SRIS review framework aligns with FDA’s GRAS process. Under SRIS, the submitting firm is required to provide pivotal safety data comparable to that required for a GRAS determination.

### 3. **New Official: 51.19 Fish**

51.19 Fish is undecomposed whole fish or flesh derived from the skeletal muscle, with or without accompanying bone **and skin**, exclusive of any added heads, fins, tails, skin, bones and viscera, except in such amounts as might occur unavoidably in processing. It shall be suitable for use in animal food. It is intended for use in animal food as a source of protein consistent with good feeding practices. If it bears a name descriptive of its kind, it must correspond thereto.

**Motion.** The Board recommends acceptance. Minnesota moved. Oklahoma Seconded. Motion Carries.

## Model Bill and Regulations Committee

### 1. **Update to SUIP No. 9 Language**

**Dried Insects for Wild Bird Food and Insectivorous Specialty Pets** – Insects, all life stages, that are commonly consumed in the wild by wild birds and/or insect eating specialty pets may be reared and dried for use in commercial wild bird feed and insectivorous specialty pet diets. These insects are considered common food. The dried insects must be feed grade. The label must include the appropriate common name of the insect. Example: Black Soldier Fly Larvae.

**Motion.** The Board recommends acceptance. Minnesota moved. Utah Seconded. Motion Carries.

Inspection & Sampling Committee

**1. Update to AAFCO Inspector Manual**

*This concludes the recommendations from the committee and board that require membership approval.*

**Presidential Gavel Pass**

President: Dan King, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Past President: Laura Scott, CFIA

**Credential Report – Ben Tran, FASS**

Number of voting states represented: <b>45</b>	Number of life members: 11
Number of members present: 141	Total meeting attendance: 508
Number of countries: 9	In-Person: 373
Number of FDA representatives: 36	Zoom: 135

**Meeting concluded at 9:52 PM CST.**