

1. Introductions of Board and Staff

- Adams, Bohlen, Carlton, Fanning, Gray, Neavyn
- Boyd, Gayoso, Gustanski, Johnston-Fennel, Leibowitz, , Peacock, Poisson, Steinman, Vacchiano, Van Hoewyk

2. Minutes of April 10, 2026, and May 11, 2026 Board Meetings

Presentation By: Alex Peacock, Director
Action Needed: Amend and/or Adopt

**Carlton/Bohlen: Moved and Seconded to adopt April 10, 2026, meeting minutes
In Favor: Unanimous**

**Fanning/Adams: Moved and Seconded to adopt May 11, 2026, meeting minutes
In Favor: Unanimous**

3. Consideration of additional comments related to LD 356: Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Prohibit the Use of Rodenticides in Outdoor Residential Settings

The Board's staff has received additional comments related to the LD 356 rulemaking, including from a resident in South Portland, State legislators, and a professional trade organization.

Presentations By: Alexander Peacock, Director
Action Needed: Discussion

- Peacock informed the board that after the public comments were closed, additional submissions were received from citizens, state legislators, and a trades union. While these comments cannot be added to the official documents, they are important for Board awareness.
- Peacock noted that during one of the work sessions for this bill, an amendment was proposed to remove the notification exemption for the placement of bait boxes in Chapter 28. Changing notification requirements would involve major substantive rulemaking, which is one of the reasons the change was not brought forward.
- Bohlen clarified that if the Board decided to make any changes to the current proposed rulemaking, they would have to go back to the public comment stage, which would cause the proposed restriction of rodenticides to take longer.
- Adams agreed the conversation should be continued in the future once the second-generation anti-coagulants are restricted.

4. Consideration of Proposed Rulemaking for Amendments to Chapter 40: Restricted and Limited Use Pesticides

The proposed amendments to Chapter 40, Section 1(B) include the addition of the 4 second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide active ingredients: brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, difethialone, and the herbicide active ingredient: tebuthiuron.

Presentation By: Alexander Peacock, Director

Action Needed: Approve/Disapprove

- Peacock introduced the proposed amendments for the restriction of second-generation anti-coagulant rodenticide active ingredients and one herbicide active ingredient to commercial applicators only.

Bohlen/Carlton: Moved and Seconded to move into rulemaking.

In favor: Unanimous

5. Consideration of Consent Agreement with Trugreen Lawncare of Westbrook

On June 3, 1998, the Board amended its Enforcement Protocol to authorize staff to work with the Attorney General and negotiate consent agreements in advance on matters not involving substantial threats to the environment or public health. This procedure was designed for cases where there is no dispute of material facts or law, and the violator admits to the violation and acknowledges a willingness to pay a fine to resolve the matter. This case involved an application to a property without prior authorization.

Presentations By: Jose Gayoso, Compliance Manager

Action Needed: Discuss; Approve/Disapprove

- Gayoso informed the Board of a misapplication performed by a Trugreen employee in August of 2025. The applicator in question did not properly verify the address before applying to the house and ended up applying to the neighboring home by mistake. Gayoso also mentioned that later that month, he received a multi-faceted complaint from a former employee of Trugreen. He could not verify all of the complaints, but he noted that one was about the lack of proper tools to confirm addresses. Supposedly applicators were given tablets, but they often times didn't work out in the field and applicators had to resort to using their personal devices.
- Gayoso then brought up a previous consent agreement with Trugreen that had similar problems. Trugreen came to the Board with a system that would use GPS to confirm customer addresses, but it was never properly implemented. The regional manager agreed that the applicator did not do their job properly, and that they should have knocked on the door to confirm the address.
- Carlton asked if the new penalty matrix was used for this consent agreement.
- Peacock clarified that the incident was before the new fines were implemented.

**Carlton/Adams: Moved and Seconded to approve consent agreement with Trugreen
Lawncare of Westbrook
In favor: Unanimous**

6. Other Old and New Business

- a. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, RWC, Inc.
- b. Variance Permit for CMR01-026, Chapter 29, Basswood Environmental, LLC
- c. New Active Ingredient: Fluazaindolizine, Salibro®, EPA Reg. No. 352-932
- d. Interim Report to Evaluate the Impact of Neonicotinoids on Pollinators, Humans and the Environment

7. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next scheduled Board meeting date is July 10, 2026, at the Deering Building, Room 101, Augusta

Future Meetings: August 21, 2026, October 2, 2026, November 13, 2026, December 18, 2026

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

8. Adjourn

**Carlton/Fanning: Moved and seconded to adjourn at 10:40
In Favor: Unanimous**

NOTES

- The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org.
- Any person wishing to receive notices and agendas for meetings of the Board, Medical Advisory Committee, or Environmental Risk Advisory Committee must submit a request in writing to the Board's office. Any person with technical expertise who would like to volunteer for service on either committee is invited to submit their resume for future consideration.
- On November 16, 2007, the Board adopted the following policy for submission and distribution of comments and information when conducting routine business (product registration, variances, enforcement actions, etc.):
 - *For regular, non-rulemaking business*, the Board will accept pesticide-related letters, reports, and articles. Reports and articles must be from peer-reviewed journals. E-mail, hard copy, or fax should be sent to the Board's office or pesticides@maine.gov. In order

for the Board to receive this information in time for distribution and consideration at its next meeting, all communications must be received by 8:00 AM, three days prior to the Board meeting date (e.g., if the meeting is on a Friday, the deadline would be Tuesday at 8:00 AM). Any information received after the deadline will be held over for the next meeting.

- During rulemaking, when proposing new or amending old regulations, the Board is subject to the requirements of the APA (Administrative Procedures Act), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.