# BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL

**Emergency Meeting**

**August 16, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

Deering Building, Room 101

90 Blossom Lane, Augusta, Maine

## AGENDA

1. Introductions of Board and Staff
2. Proposed Remote Meeting Participation Policy

At the July 16, 2021 meeting, the Board discussed the schedule end of the Governor’s State of Civil Emergency on July 30, 2021. Also expiring on July 30, 2021 was the allowance to hold public meetings remotely. During the First Session of the 130th Maine Legislature, LD 32, An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings was signed into law as an emergency measure. To continue to hold meetings remotely, LD 32 requires the Board to adopt a policy stating when remote meetings may be held and how the public may attend and participate.

 Presentation By: Megan Patterson, Director

 Action Needed: Discussion and vote on adoption of the proposed policy

1. Adjourn

**NOTES**

* The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at[www.thinkfirstspraylast.org](http://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](http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides/contact/index.htm). 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](http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides/contact/index.htm) 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](http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides/about/index.shtml#meeting)(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](http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/5/title5sec8052.html)), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.