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SPECIAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF NON-GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Pursuant to Article V of DA Memorandum Circular No. 42, series of 2022, as amended by DA Memorandum Circular No. 31, series of 2023, entitled "Revised guidelines for the selection and appointment of representatives from small farmer organizations, non-government organizations involved in organic agriculture, and the private sector in the organic value chain as members of the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB)", the National Technical Search Committee (NTSC) is hereby created composed of permanent and alternate representatives from the following agencies/bureaus/offices of the Department of Agriculture:

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| CHAIRPERSON: | Engr. ZAMZAMIN L. AMPATUAN, CESO I <i>Undersecretary for Special Concerns and for BARM and Alternate Chairperson of NOAB</i> | |
| VICE-CHAIRPERSON: | Dir. BERNADETTE F. SAN JUAN, CESO II <i>National Program Coordinator, NOAP</i> | |
| MEMBERS: | PERMANENT | ALTERNATE |
| Agricultural Credit Policy Council | MAGDALENA S. CASUGA | KENNEDY A. GARABIAG |
| Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service | JOYCE BENGGO | TRINIDAD CARLOS |
| Agricultural Training Institute | SHERRIE C. DREJE | MC ALTER LANZON |
| Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards | JOEVE S. CALLEJA | MARK F. MATUBANG |
| Bureau of Animal Industry | RENE C. SANTIAGO, DVM, MSc | CAROLINE ANN D. RODERO, MPM |
| Bureau of Agricultural Research | KRIS THEA HERNANDEZ | MAYLEN CUNANAN |
| Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources | LEA MYR CADAPAN | ZALDY F. HECHANOVA |
| Bureau of Plant Industry | JENNY LYN A. PATUNGAN | ERNIE LITO Y. BOLLOSA |
| Bureau of Soils and Water Management | DENISE A. SOLANO | JOVEN ESPINELI |
| Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division | MARIAN CRISTY S. DEJELO | DAN JOSEPH A. ANABO |
| Policy Research Service | JOMARI A. PANAGA | SHEENA MAE A. BAGAYAO |
| Field Operation Service | Dir. NICHOLS A. MANALO | LORNA A. VILLEGAS |

The NTSC shall take the lead in the conduct of the national selection stage of the NOAB Selection process. Specifically, it shall have the following functions:

- a. Evaluate documents endorsed by the Regional Technical Search Committees (RTSCs) and come up with a short list of nominees;
- b. Assess the shortlisted nominees;
- c. Conduct the final deliberation on the results of the evaluation;
- d. Submit the results of the final deliberation to the NOAB for subsequent endorsement to an appointment by the DA Secretary; and
- e. Conduct post-evaluation of the selection process.

The Advocacy and Policy Division of the National Organic Agriculture Program - National Program Coordinating Office (NOAP-NPCO) shall serve as the Secretariat of the NTSC. It shall:

- a. Provide administrative and technical support to the NTSC;
- b. Assess the completeness and validity of documents submitted by the DA RTSCs;
- c. Facilitate the conduct of all activities relative to the selection process at the national level;
- d. Prepare and keep all records relative to the activities of the selection process at the national level; and
- e. Prepare and facilitate the approval of the appointment of the selected representatives.

Expenses in the performance of the functions of the Committee members and Secretariat such as travelling expenses and per diems shall be chargeable against their respective offices' funds while expenses during meetings and other related events shall be chargeable against NOAB funds, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until the completion of the selection process. All other orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked or amended.

Done this 14th day of August 2023.


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