

# Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30pm

Location: Cross Office Building, Room 209 (Hybrid Meeting)\*

\*The meeting will be streamed live at the following link: <https://legislature.maine.gov/Audio/#209>

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## **AGENDA**

- I. Welcome and Brief Introductions
- II. Follow-up Information from First Meeting
- III. Potential Recommendations from First Meeting: **Gene-editing in Health and Bioscience**
- IV. Break
- V. Presentations: **Gene-editing in the Natural World**
  - Dana Waring Bateman, *Genetics Educator*
  - Chris Okonkwo, Ph.D., *Assistant Teaching Professor, Biotechnology, The Roux Institute at Northeastern University*
  - Dr. Diane Rowland, *Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture, Director of the Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station, The University of Maine* and Melody N. Neely, Ph.D., *Associate Professor, Molecular and Biomedical Sciences*
- VI. Lunch [*approximately 11:30 to 12:30*]
- VII. Presentations: **Gene-editing in the Natural World** (continued)
  - Dr. Hillary Peterson, *Integrated Pest Management Specialist, Division of Animal & Plant Health, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resource, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*
  - Heather Spalding, *Deputy Director & Senior Policy Director, the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association*
- VIII. Debrief and Next Steps
  - Discussion of potential legislative recommendations
  - Next Meeting Dates:
    - i. September 21: Gene Editing and the Humanities (ethics, religion, law and history)
    - ii. October 19: Gene Editing in Systems and Institutions (state economy, business, education system and defense and security)

Additional information and materials are available on the Advisory Panel's webpage at:  
<https://legislature.maine.gov/genome-editing-technology-advisory-panel>