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Pesticide Modernization Working Group

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 13, 2026

10:30 AM in Room 1C of the LOB and Zoom, [YouTube](#), and [CT-N Live](#) Broadcast

Meeting Objectives

By the end of this meeting, the group will:

- Get to know one another and understand the roles, experiences, and perspectives represented in the group.
- Establish a shared understanding of the purpose and goals of the Pesticide Modernization Working Group.
- Discuss issues and concerns raised during the recent public hearing and identify areas that may warrant further review.
- Begin identifying priorities, questions, challenges, and opportunities for the working group to explore.
- Discuss how the group should organize and carry out its work.
- Agree on immediate next steps and establish a schedule for future meetings.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Time: 20 minutes

- Welcome and opening remarks
- Brief overview of why the working group was formed

- Review of meeting objectives and agenda
 - Participant introductions:
 - Name and organization/role
 - Role or connection to pesticide programs
 - Perspective or expertise you bring to the working group
 - One thing you hope the group accomplishes
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2. Working Group Purpose, Scope & Expectations

Time: 15 minutes

Brief discussion of:

- Why pesticide modernization is being considered
- Purpose of the working group
- What the working group is expected to accomplish
- What is within the group's scope and what may be outside its scope
- How the group will work together
- How decisions, recommendations, and areas of consensus will be handled

Discussion Question:

- What should success look like for this working group?
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3. What We Heard During the Public Hearing

Time: 20 minutes

Review themes, concerns, and ideas raised during testimony at the recent public hearing.

Discussion may include:

- Issues or concerns raised by members of the public
- Challenges with current pesticide-related processes or requirements that were identified in testimony
- Suggestions or recommendations offered by stakeholders
- Areas where there appeared to be differing perspectives

- Questions raised during the hearing that may require additional research or information

Discussion Questions:

- What issues raised during the public hearing should we explore further?
- What additional information would help us better understand these concerns?
- Are there areas where we should hear from additional stakeholders or subject-matter experts?
- Are there examples from Connecticut or other states that could help inform our discussion?

Note: The purpose of this discussion is not to resolve the issues raised during the hearing, but to identify topics and questions that the working group may want to examine as part of the modernization effort.

4. Initial Discussion: What Should We Focus On?

Time: 25 minutes

Open discussion to begin identifying the working group's priorities.

Discussion Questions:

- What are the most important areas for us to examine?
- What processes or practices should we better understand?
- Where are the biggest challenges or concerns?
- What opportunities for modernization should we explore?
- What issues could have the greatest impact on pesticide program modernization?
- What information or data do we need before making recommendations?
- What can we learn from other states?

Capture:

Create a running list of potential work areas, priorities, questions, and information needs. The goal is to identify and organize issues rather than resolve every issue during the kickoff meeting.

5. How Should We Organize the Work?

Time: 15 minutes

Discuss how the group should approach the work moving forward.

Topics for Discussion:

- Potential workstreams or topic areas
 - Whether smaller subgroups are needed
 - Information and data that should be gathered
 - Research or comparisons with other states
 - Potential deliverables or recommendations
 - How progress will be tracked and communicated
 - How frequently the full working group should meet
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6. Next Steps & Action Items

Time: 10 minutes

Review and confirm immediate action items.

Action Item	Responsible Person	Due Date
Receive additional database information on what Connecticut and other states are currently doing	OLR research members	Sept. 14

Also Identify:

- Information members should review before the next meeting
- Topics to include on the next meeting's agenda
- Additional questions or research needs
- Any additional tasks or action items that should be assigned

Additional Note: During and after the meeting, additional tasks or action items may be identified. The agenda and action items may be updated accordingly, and an updated version will be sent to everyone following the meeting.

7. Schedule Next Meeting

Time: 5 minutes

Proposed Next Meeting:

September 14, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Confirm:

- Any materials members should review or prepare before the next meeting
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8. Closing & Recap

Time: 10 minutes

- Recap key discussion points and takeaways
 - Review confirmed action items and responsible parties
 - Confirm next meeting date
 - Identify any immediate follow-up needs
 - Final comments or questions from members
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