



**NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN**  
**FALL 2025 BOARD MEETING**  
**VIRTUAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS &**  
**IN-PERSON MEETING - MIAMI**

*Times noted may change slightly before the final schedule is published.*

**Times listed on schedule below are HST - Virtual Committee Meetings**

HST	Per schedule	7:30 am
PDT	+3	10:30 am
MST	+3	10:30 am
MDT	+4	11:30 am
CDT	+5	12:30 pm
EDT	+6	1:30 pm
UK	+10	5:30 pm

**VIRTUAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- You can attend all meetings or choose to attend specific meetings each day.
- Please sign on 5-10 minutes prior to meeting start times for each meeting if you are not attending all meetings each day.
- Zoom links and phone numbers to join meetings will be provided to you in advance of the meetings.

*Attendees are requested to connect to the meeting at 7:50 a.m. HST*

**Friday, October 24 -**

8:00-9:30 a.m. HST: **Governance Committee** meeting for committee members

*October 27 meetings are open to non-committee members, Trustees, Trustees Emeriti, Fellows, Major Donors, staff, and invited guests.*

*Attendees are requested to connect to the meetings at 7:20 a.m. HST*

**Monday, October 27 -**

7:30-9:00 a.m. HST: **Audit, Investments, Finance Committees** meetings

9:30-10:30 a.m. HST: **Development Committee** meeting

*October 28 and October 29 meetings:*

*First half hour committee updates - Open to all to attend (non-committee members, Trustees, Trustees Emeriti, Fellows, Major Donors, staff, invited guests).*

*Last half hour committee business - Committee members, Trustees, Trustees Emeriti, designated staff.*

*Attendees are requested to connect to the meetings at 7:20 a.m. HST*

**Tuesday, October 28 -**

Overall Time: 7:30-10:00 a.m. (including transitions to committee business meeting and overflow timing)

7:30-8:35 a.m. HST: **Living Collections and Horticulture Committee** meeting

8:45-9:50 a.m. HST: **Education Committee** meeting

Attendees are requested to connect to the meetings at 7:20 a.m. HST

**Wednesday, October 29 -**

Overall Time: 7:30-10:00 a.m. (including transitions to committee business meeting and overflow timing)

7:30-8:35 a.m. HST: **Science and Conservation Committee** meeting

8:45-9:50 a.m. HST: **Breadfruit Institute Committee** meeting

**CORE MEETINGS:**

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\*Daylight Saving Time ends November 2

**Times listed on schedule below are EST - Core Meetings**

EST	Per schedule	9:30 am
HST	-5	4:30 am
PST	-3	6:30 am
MST	-2	7:30 am
CST	-1	8:30 am
UK	+5	2:30 pm

All group departures from the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables will be from the **main entrance**.  
Please note that bus loading times will be **15 minutes prior** to the departure times of the below activities.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

*Please note: We will not return to the hotel before dinner.  
Please wear walking shoes and bring sunscreen and raingear.  
Please bring a wrap or jacket. Change of shoes, etc. can be stored on the bus.  
NTBG is a **plastic water bottle free zone!** Support our conservation efforts by bringing your own reusable water bottle to The Kampong.  
Casual Attire.*

9:30 a.m. Departure from the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables to The Kampong

10:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. **The Kampong** brunch, tours, and activities  
*Take part in engaging education activities, learn about the garden's unique history, explore ongoing research and conservation efforts at the garden, taste tropical fruits, enjoy guided art tours, and explore community partnerships that support The Kampong's mission.*

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. **Science Forum** at the International Center for Tropical Botany at The Kampong (ICTB); hybrid event  
*Staff from Hawai'i and Florida will share what's happening with Science and Conservation, Living Collections and Horticulture, and the Breadfruit Institute!*

5:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cocktails and heavy appetizers at the ICTB  
*Opportunity for interaction with forum presenters and tours of the ICTB.*  
*Al fresco; Casual Attire*

7:45 p.m. Departure to the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables (estimated arrival to hotel 8:15 p.m.)

*Dinner on own*

**CORE MEETINGS:**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

*Breakfast on own*

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.                      Optional Morning Yoga, outdoors at the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables  
*All skill levels; mats provided*

*Business Casual Attire.*

*All attendees are welcome and encouraged to attend all presentations below.*

9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.                      **Welcome by NTBG President and CEO and the Chair of the  
Board of Trustees**

9:55 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.                      **President and CEO Presentation and updates**

10:25 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.                      **Garden Presentations**

*The Kampong, Allerton Garden, McBryde Garden, Kahanu Garden  
and Preserve, Limahuli Garden and Preserve*

11:40 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.                      Opportunity for Q&A with staff

11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.                      Lunch at the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.                      Free time  
*Optional activities tba*

5:30 p.m.                                      Cocktails and Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables  
*Resort Attire*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

*Breakfast on own*

*Business Casual Attire.*

*\*Trustees and Trustees Emeriti not attending in person are requested log in to the Executive Session  
meeting at 9:50 a.m. EST*

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.                      **Executive Session** meeting for Trustees and Trustees Emeriti only  
*(Coffee and refreshments)*

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.                      **Board Meeting**  
*Including reports from all Program Committee meetings held in  
advance of the Board Meeting and during the meeting with interactive  
discussions.*

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.                      Lunch at the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables

2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.                      Free time  
*Optional activities tba*

5:45 p.m.                                      Departure from the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables to The Kampong  
*(Bus loads at 5:30 p.m.)*

**CORE MEETINGS:**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

- 6:30 p.m. **David Fairchild Medal Award for Plant Exploration Dinner** at The Kampong  
*Dr. Diane Ragone, the 2025 recipient of the Fairchild Medal Award for Plant Exploration, is internationally acclaimed for her pioneering contributions to ethnobotany, conservation, and the global promotion of breadfruit. She is the founder and Director Emerita of the Breadfruit Institute at the National Tropical Botanical Garden and holds a PhD in Horticulture from the University of Hawai'i. Over four decades, she conducted extensive fieldwork across more than 50 Pacific islands, safeguarding breadfruit diversity and traditional knowledge while advancing its use for food security and sustainability. Her work has earned numerous honors, including the Garden Club of America's Medal of Honor and the Society for Economic Botany's Distinguished Economic Botanist Award.*  
*Business Formal / Cocktail Attire*
- 9:30 p.m. Departure to the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables (estimated arrival to hotel 10:00 p.m.)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

*Breakfast on own*

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- 9:15 a.m. Departure from the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables to The Kampong
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **David Fairchild Medal Award Lecture** with Dr. Diane Ragone
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **The Kampong** tours and activities  
*Work alongside garden staff to support horticulture, research, outreach programs and community partnerships, and shop for unique items at the Gift Shop.*
- 3:45 p.m. Departure to the Hyatt Regency Coral Gables (estimated arrival to hotel 4:15 p.m.)

*Dinner on own*

--August 12, 2025