

Board Meeting Protocol

Date: 2025-02-06 Thursday

Attending board members

Regina Lindborg, Department of Physical Geography, SU, Chair
Johan Nilsson, Dep. of Meteorology, SU, Co-Chair
Annica Ekman, Dep. of Meteorology, SU
Paul Zieger, Department of Environmental Science, SU (replaces Anna Sobek)
Agatha de Boer, Dep. of Geological Sciences, SU (replaces Helen Coxall)
Sara Cousins, Department of Physical Geography, SU
Kristoffer Hylander, Dep. of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, SU (via Zoom)
Fredrik Lundell, KTH Royal Institute of Technology (via Zoom)
Niclas Kolm, Department of Zoology, SU
Helena Martins, Swedish Meteorological & Hydrological Institute (via Zoom)
Anna Strekalovskaya, Department of Physical Geography, SU

Attending other participants

Ilona Riipinen, Director of the Bolin Centre
Gustaf Hugelius, vice-Director of the Bolin Centre
Maria Basova, Bolin Centre's Coordinator (via Zoom)
Laila Islamovic, Bolin Centre's Communicator
Sara Gershagen, Bolin Centre's Coordinator

		Appendices
§ 1	Meeting opens Regina Lindborg opened the meeting.	
§ 2	Appointment of protocol writer Sara Gershagen was selected as the protocol writer.	
§ 3	Appointment of protocol checker Sara Cousins was selected as the protocol checker.	
§ 4	Approval of the agenda The agenda was approved.	
§ 5	Protocol from the previous Board meeting The protocol from the previous meeting was approved.	App. 1
§ 6	Action plan 2025-2027. The action plan was approved with the following updates:	App. 2

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	- Under point 1, change from “<u>Initiate</u> a discussion with the Board on the strategic use of funds” to “<u>Continue</u> discussion with the Board..” - Under point 1, change from “Follow up with <u>MPI</u> for support regarding Tellus” to “Follow up with <u>MPG</u>..” - Also, follow up the initiatives in the new governmental research and innovation bill (forskningspropositionen) concerning excellence centres by mentioning it in the action plan.	
§ 7	Budget 2025 The budget was approved with the change of the word “fee” to “salary supplement”.	App. 3
§ 8	Tellus update and economic model principles There will be a launch symposium for Tellus at KVA 26-27 May. KVA will contribute with 500 000 SEK to this. Tellus will be kept as its own economic entity under the Bolin Centre and should not involve any economic risk. IMI funds 400 000 SEK/ year for 3 years.	
§ 9	External representative at the Board: Regina will ask Hjalmar Laudon from SLU Umeå in his role as director of WIFORCE (or equivalent person if Hjalmar declines) to be our external representative.	
§ 10	Engagement and participation of master students: The discussion regarding the engagement and participation of master students in the Bolin Centre, specifically during the Bolin Days was tabled until the next meeting. Discussions concerned how we should view the role of the Bolin Centre in education and how master students can feel welcomed despite limitations in, for example, food subsidies. The directorate will suggest a solution at the next board meeting.	
§ 11	Information from the Directorate: Ilona Riipinen and Gustaf Hugelius provided an update on the following activities: - ESAG report: The directorate is happy with the work of ESAG and concluded that new members should be invited. - Modelling coordinator: Will work part time with level 3 support in terms of interaction with NAISS. After an open nomination, Frida Bender has been chosen for the position and will start 1 April. - Marine Network: An initiative from researchers from Bolin, SRC and Baltic Sea Centre, to create a general network with better interaction between researchers within marine research. Kick-off meeting is held Friday 7 February. - Upcoming conferences and events: - Bert Bolin climate lecture 8 May 2025. - Tellus Launch Symposium 26-27 May 2025 at KVA.	App. 4

	- Swedish biodiversity symposium in Göteborg 21-23 Oktober 2025 (BECC as main organizer). - Swedish Climate Symposium 20-22 May 2026. Will be held in Lund with MERGE as lead organisation instead of SMHI.	
§ 12	Evaluation of the Bolin Centre There will be a Faculty evaluation “fokusutvärdering” of the SFOs, including the Bolin Centre, at the end of this year, 2025. The format of the evaluation is not yet decided.	
§ 13	Next meetings: • Joint SAG and Board meeting 20 March, full day. The board members were encouraged to suggest topics for the next meeting and send it to Sara, sara.gershagen@su.se, during February. • 9 June 10:00-12:00.	

Sara Gershagen
Secretary

Sara Cousins
Attester

Regina Lindborg
Chair of the Board

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