

Board Meeting Protocol

Date: 2026-05-27 Wednesday

Attending board members

Regina Lindborg, Department of Physical Geography, SU, Chair
Annica Ekman, Dep. of Meteorology, SU
Agatha de Boer, Dep. of Geological Sciences, SU (replaces Helen Coxall)
Kristoffer Hylander, Dep. of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences, SU
Paul Zieger, Dep. of Environmental Science, SU (replaces Anna Sobek)
Anna Strekalovskaya, PhD student, NG, SU, left 13:45
Niclas Kolm, Department of Zoology, SU
Arlen Bükkszegi, Master student at SU
Helena Martin, SMHI (Zoom) left 13:40
Dan Henningson, KTH (replaces Fredrik Lundell) (Zoom)
Johan Nilsson, Dep. of Meteorology, SU
Hjalmar Laudon, SLU (connected at 14:50 in Zoom)

Attending other participants:

Ilona Riipinen, Bolin Centre's Director, left 14:30
Gustaf Hugelius, Bolin Centre's Vice-Director
Maria Basova, Bolin Centre's Coordinator
Laila Islamovic, Bolin Centre's Communicator, left 14:50

§ 1	Meeting opens Regina Lindborg opened the meeting.	
§ 2	Appointment of protocol writer Maria Basova was selected as the protocol writer.	
§ 3	Appointment of a protocol checker Anna Strekalovskaya was selected as the protocol checker. She was replaced at the end of the meeting by Niclas Kolm, as she left earlier.	
§ 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	Update from the Directorate Reports reminder: Directorate reiterated the importance of timely submission of spending reports for the upcoming evaluation. Swedish Climate Symposium 2026 Recap: Brief outcomes and feedback from SCS 2026, overall positive organisation was noted.	

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	Strategic Collaborations: Ongoing and potential new collaboration opportunities were highlighted (Accelerator, WMO) with emphasis on strengthening partnerships and alignment with strategic goals. Update on the Bolin Centre support functions.	
§ 7	Discussion Point: • Updates provided on current SFOs, including ClimTrio (Ilona) and SCIPolar (Gustaf). Recommendation to include other new SFOs where SMHI and KTH are involved to ensure a comprehensive perspective on all SFOs related to the Bolin centre. • Climate modelling coordination and support discussed, including available faculty/NAISS funding to strengthen national-level modelling support. Noted that recent developments require additional resources; implications for future development and organisational adjustments were discussed. • It was noted that new SFOs have been recommended but not yet decided by the government, with a possible delay in decision-making until after the upcoming election. • RUFUS at Stockholm University (SU) will be responsible for organizing and oversee the new and old SFOs.	App.2 App.3 App.4
§ 8	Discussion: Budget Follow-up, Funding Model, and Implementation • Continued discussion on budget adjustments and proposed funding model from the Board + SAG meeting; key principles were presented. • Accumulated and strategic funding proposed to support broader engagement, while maintaining stability for existing partners and activities. • Core funding to support both strategic initiatives (proposed by senior researchers and anchored with prefects) and seed funding for bottom-up activities; need to clarify the balance and allocation criteria between these streams. • Good if RT structure remain for now, with possible revision under a new strategic plan. Questions were raised regarding RT leadership division and how to manage a gradual transition. • Emphasis on ensuring continuity, broad engagement, and benefit to the whole Centre, as well as enabling competitive proposals across all departments. • Database coordination was discussed, including potential overlap issues linked to upcoming retirement and new SFOs	App.5
§ 9	Next meetings: Doodle / reply before 11 June.	

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