

STEAC MEETING REPORT

(05/20/2026)

The members of the STEAC met on May 20, 2026, with seven members attending (Kelly Aho, Ben Baiser, Kin Onn Chan, Jennifer Edmonds, Sydne Record, Samapriya Roy, and Xi Yang). Six NEON-Battelle staff attended (Keli Goodman, Darcy Gora, Paula Mabee, Tanya Maslak, Hojun Song (ASU), and Kate Thibault).

The meeting was virtual, and the following topics were discussed: I. Call to order, approval of minutes II. Review Battelle NEON response to STEAC report, III. STEAC Recommendations regarding nominations for the new members, IV. Changes at NEON.

- I. Approval of previous minutes for 04/15/2026 monthly meeting.**
- II. Review, Battelle NEON response to STEAC report:** Paula explained the process. A question has been raised about clarifying part of the statement in #4. After the discussion, the language “CC-BY or CC-BY-SA license” is added. The group agreed that the key is to ensure ownership is NEON.
- III. STEAC Recommendations regarding nominations for new members:** The group discussed the candidate list and voted on the top candidates to invite to join STEAC.
- IV. Changes at NEON:** Paula is stepping down as the Chief Science and Observatory Director of NEON this summer. Kate Thibault will be the interim leader of NEON, and Keli Goodman will be serving in Kate’s position while Kate is Acting Chief Scientist. NEON is looking for a new CS/OD. Thank you, Paula!