



AGENDA

SAGES PROGRAM COMMITTEE

September 24, 2025, 5:00 PM Eastern, 4:00 PM Central, 3:00 Mountain, 2:00 PM Pacific

Chairs: Kellie McFarlin, MD, Matt Ritter, MD, Linda Zhang, MD

Co-Chairs: Melissa Phillips, MD, Siva Vithiananthan, MD

Committee Staff: Sallie Matthews

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. Review of Committee Disclosures
**Committee members should have reviewed all of the disclosures for those on this planning committee. Dr. Phillips will ensure all contributions are balanced during this committee meeting. If you have any new or different financial relationships, you will need to update your member disclosure on the SAGES website (sages.org/leadership/committees/disclosure/ your unique member ID).*
- III. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes – Spring, 2025
- IV. Review Committee Goals (and revise if necessary)
 - Enforce Program Committee policy for non-reviewers, no shows
 - Develop process to engage Program Committee members to review program components during annual meeting
 - Develop process by which Program Committee is able to provide input to Annual Meeting Program Chair in time to incorporate.
- V. 2025 Meeting Evaluation/CME Recap – Nabil Tariq, MD
- VI. 2026 Meeting Review – McFarlin, Ritter, Zhang
<https://www.sages2026.org/schedule-at-a-glance/>
Review overall meeting outline & theme: “Connect to Purpose”
Review Wellness events
- VII. Announce 2027 Program Chairs – Altieri, DuCoin, Goldberg
Review process for suggestions in the winter – S. Matthews
- VIII. Review topic for SSAT/SAGES Joint Symposium at DDW 2026 – Ritter
- IX. Discuss sub-committee to review/assess reception/networking requests – Matthews
- X. Conflict of Interest Identified & Managed – Phillips
- XI. Future Meetings:
 - March 25-28, 2026 – Tampa, FL
 - April 6-9, 2027 – Las Vegas, NV (Tue-Fri day pattern)
 - March 29-April 1, 2028 – Charlotte, NC
- XII. New Business