

**Southern Administrative Heads and CARET  
Joint Summer Meeting, Athens, GA  
July 24 – 26, 2026**

| <b>Date / Time</b>             | <b>Agenda Item / Activity</b>   |
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| <b>Saturday, July 25, 2026</b> |   |
| <b>6:30 am</b>                 | <b>Breakfast</b>  |
| <b>7:30 am</b>                 | <b>Travel to Fort Valley State University</b>   |
| <b>10:00 am</b>                | <b>Joint Southern AHS/CARET Business Meeting – Keith Carver, UTK, Chair, S-AHS</b>  |
| 10:00 am                       | Welcome and Introductions – Keith Carver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AHS introduce any new CARET Delegates</li> </ul>  |
| 10:05 am                       | NIFA Update – Rubella Goswami, Institute of Youth, Family, and Community, NIFA  |
| 10:35 am                       | Federal Budget, Farm Bill, & Legislative Update – Bridget Krieger, Lewis-Burke (Zoom)   |
| 11:05 am                       | APLU and FANR Update – Doug Steele  |
| <b>11:30 am</b>                | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>11:45 am</b>                | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| <b>12:45 pm</b>                | <b>Southern CARET Business Meeting – Robert Cox, TTU, Chair, S-CARET</b>  |
| 12:45 pm                       | Call to order and Welcome – Robert Cox  |
|                                | Agenda TBD by CARET   |
| <b>2:15 pm</b>                 | <b>Break for FVSU tour</b>  |
| <b>12:45 pm</b>                | <b>Southern AHS Business Meeting – Keith Carver</b>   |
| 12:45 pm                       | AHS Executive Committee Report from BAA Leadership Meeting, July 13 - 15 in Portland OR – Keith Carver, Olga Bolden-Tiller, and Doug Steele   |
| 1:00 pm                        | Nomination for Southern AHS Secretary (election at winter meeting) – Keith Carver   |
| 1:10 pm                        | Future Southern AHS Meetings – Eric Young <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2027 S-AHS Winter Meeting, Mon, Feb 8, Oklahoma City, during SAAS Conference</li> <li>• 2027 Joint CARET/AHS Summer Meeting, Late July, Louisiana</li> <li>• Next Southern Mini Land-grant – Spring/Summer 2028, hosted by Virginia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need Planning Committee Chair(s) to start early 2027</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 1:15 pm                        | Institution Updates (handout) – All   |
| <b>2:15 pm</b>                 | <b>Break for FVSU tour</b>  |
| <b>5:30 pm</b>                 | <b>Dinner, Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter</b>  |
| <b>9:30 pm</b>                 | <b>Arrive back at Hotel</b>   |

| <b>Sunday, July 26, 2026</b> |  |
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| <b>7:00 am</b>               | <b>Breakfast</b>   |
| <b>8:00 am</b>               | <b>Programmatic Session</b>  |
| 8:00 am                      | Synthetic Biology - Scott Jackson, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Synthetic Biology  |
| 8:45 am                      | Opportunities at the Intersection of Agriculture, Food, Nutrition and Health: Positioning the 1890 Land-Grant Universities - Anisa Zvonkovic, Dean of Family and Consumer Sciences, UGA  |
| <b>9:30 am</b>               | <b>Joint AHS/CARET Meeting – Robert Cox</b>  |
| 9:30 am                      | Welcome back – Robert Cox  |
| 9:35 am                      | Business Meeting Reports and other Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• S-CARET – Robert Cox</li> <li>• S-AHS – Keith Carver</li> </ul>  |
| 10:15 am                     | Action Items from Saturday's Meetings and Joint Discussions (possible topics below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting follow up</li> <li>• Year-round advocacy strategies</li> <li>• Congressional member/staff campus/state visit best practices</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul> |
| <b>11:00 am</b>              | <b>Adjourn</b>   |