

# Minneapolis CIO Executive Summit

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**7:45am - 8:30am**      **Registration & Breakfast**

**8:30am - 9:15am**      **Playing the Generative AI Long Game**

Manjeet Rege, AI and Machine Learning Thought Leader,  
Educator & Author, University of St. Thomas

**9:15am - 9:40am**      **Networking Break**

**9:40am - 10:25am**      **Tech Innovation — Success Stories from the State of  
Minnesota**

Tarek Tomes, CIO & Commissioner, State of Minnesota

**9:40am - 10:25am**      **Keep the Party Going — Strategies to Securely Scale Your  
Cloud Native Success**

Brent Schroeder, Head of Office of the CTO, CTO Americas,  
SUSE  
Anoop Abraham, Chief Architect, CHS  
Ryan Leis, CIO, IDI Distributors

**9:40am - 10:25am**      **The CIO Impact on Digital Workforce Culture**

Melissa Flicek, CIO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota  
Mark Vaupel, VP, IT Services, Hormel Foods

**10:25am - 11:05am**      **Networking Break**

**10:30am - 10:55am**      **Peer-to-Peer Meetings**

**11:05am - 11:50am**      **A CIO and Board Imperative # Mastering Enterprise Technology  
Complexity**

Khwaja Shaik, CTO, IBM

**11:05am - 11:50am Strategic Harmony — IT & Business Alignment**

TK Balaji, CIO, Post Consumer Brands  
Derek Shaw, Global Vice President, CIO, H.B. Fuller Company  
Chris Schueler Sullivan, CIO, Self Esteem Brands

**11:05am - 11:50am Is Your Data AI-Ready?**

Anandh Asokan, Vice President - Data Engineering,  
Management and Enablement, Thrivent  
Matt Heinrichs, SVP, Technology, Life Time  
Rudi Mohamed, CIO, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

**11:50am - 12:35pm Lunch Service**

**12:35pm - 1:10pm Beyond Theory # Practical AI That Maximizes Business Investment**

Jim Palmer, Chief AI Officer, Dialpad

**1:10pm - 1:35pm Break**

**1:35pm - 2:20pm Unpacking MSP # How Technology Powers Your Hometown Airport**

Eduardo Valencia, CIO, Minneapolis-Saint Paul Metropolitan  
Airports Commission

**1:35pm - 2:20pm Achieving More With Less – A CIO Balancing Act**

Luke Anderson, CIO, Cub Foods  
Megan Douglas, CIO, Maurices Incorporated  
Bernie Gulachek, CIO, University of Minnesota

**1:35pm - 2:20pm IT Resilience — Maintaining Control Through Disruption**

Jim Barnes, Chief IT Implementation Officer, Kodak  
Susan Nelson, CIO, Minnesota Lottery

<b>2:20pm - 3:00pm</b>	<b>Networking Break</b>
<b>2:25pm - 2:50pm</b>	<b>Peer-to-Peer Meetings</b>
<b>2:50pm - 3:00pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00pm - 3:35pm</b>	<b>Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders with Genesys Works</b>
	Sarah Engstrom, CISO & VP IT Security, Productivity & Privacy, CHS
<b>3:35pm - 3:45pm</b>	<b>Closing Comments and Prize Drawing</b>
<b>3:45pm - 5:00pm</b>	<b>Governing Body Reception</b>