

Chicago CIO Community Executive Summit

Convene at 233 South Wacker Drive (Willis/Sears Tower)



December 9, 2025

8:00am - 8:30am **Registration & Breakfast**

8:30am - 9:15am **Unlocking AI — 5 Critical Insights Every CIO Needs Now**

Joe Mariano, Senior Director Analyst, Gartner

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

9:40am - 10:25am **Lessons From the First Inning of AI**

Jeff Burlin, Senior Director, Executive Engagement Programs,
Twilio

9:40am - 10:25am **Driving Digital Innovation and Enterprise Productivity Through
Digital Employee Experience (DEX)**

Paul Gentile, Senior Vice President, Strategic Marketing,
Nexthink

9:40am - 10:25am **Executive Boardroom**

9:40am - 10:25am **Beyond Tech # Evolving Organizations for AI Success**

Paul Chapman, Vice President Business Strategy, Cisco
Systems

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

10:35am - 11:00am **Peer-to-Peer Meetings**

11:10am - 11:55am **Reducing Application Delivery Tech Debt from the Inside Out**

Jason Trunk, Chief Enterprise Architect, Island

11:10am - 11:55am **A Resilient Path Through Emerging Agentic AI Risks**

Kavitha Mariappan, Chief Transformation Officer, Rubrik

11:10am - 11:55am **Achieving a Workplace that Runs Itself # A Digital Employee Experience (DEX) Conversation**

Jed Ayres, CEO, Control Up

11:10am - 11:55am **The Intelligent Enterprise — The Fusion of Analytics, Automation and AI**

11:10am - 11:55am **Building Strong Data Foundations**

Julie Slezak, Executive Partner Data and Analytics – Americas Public Sector, Gartner

11:55am - 12:30pm **Lunch Service**

12:30pm - 1:05pm **Zero Trust & AI # Strengthening Security, Reducing Complexity and Driving Innovation**

Patrick Foxhoven, Chief Innovation Officer, Zscaler

1:05pm - 1:30pm **Break**

1:30pm - 2:15pm **Mastering Vendor Contract Negotiations**

Ann Madea, CIO & EVP, Simmons Bank

1:30pm - 2:15pm **Translating Cybersecurity # Communicating Effectively with the Board**

Rita Fisher, CIO and EVP, Supply Chain, Reynolds Consumer Products
Boris Voltchenko, CISO & VP IT Infrastructure, Reynolds Consumer Products

1:30pm - 2:15pm	Executive Boardroom Rosie Rivel, CIO, Commerce
1:30pm - 2:15pm	Observability Expectations for GenAI in Business-Critical Applications Jacob Yackenovich, Program Director, Product Management - Instana, IBM
1:30pm - 2:15pm	Executive Boardroom
2:15pm - 3:00pm	Networking Break
2:25pm - 2:50pm	Peer-to-Peer Meetings
3:00pm - 3:45pm	The AI Debate # Championing AI’s Transformative Potential
3:00pm - 3:45pm	The AI Debate # Do Current AI Solutions Really Live Up to the Hype? Jon Morse, Vice President Information Technology, Bausch & Lomb Incorporated
3:00pm - 3:45pm	CIO Playbook # Aligning IT Strategy with Business Outcomes Kerry Brown, Transformation Evangelist, Celonis
3:00pm - 3:45pm	What AI-Forward Companies Do Differently — Benchmarks for CIOs Wade Foster, Co-founder & CEO, Zapier
3:45pm - 4:00pm	Networking Break
4:00pm - 4:35pm	The AI Debate # Potential vs. Hype Corrado Azzarita, Global CIO, The Kraft Heinz Company
4:35pm - 4:45pm	Closing Comments and Prize Drawing

4:45pm - 6:00pm

Governing Body Reception