

# Chicago CISO Community Executive Summit

Convene at 233 South Wacker

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May 13, 2025

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

**8:30am - 9:15am**      **Leading Resilient Teams Through Unpredictable Adversity**

Lisa Thompson, Author of "Finding Elevation: Fear and Courage on the World's Most Dangerous Mountain", Guest Speaker

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

**9:40am - 10:25am**      **Clarity in Concert — Trading Perspectives on Cyber Resilience**

Nitin Raina, Global CISO, Thoughtworks

**9:40am - 10:25am**      **Reducing Application Delivery Tech Debt from the Inside Out**

Shawn Surber, VP Solutions Engineering, Island  
Bruce Coffing, Chief Information Security Officer, City of Chicago

**9:40am - 10:25am**      **Enhancing Security Through Strategic Collaboration**

Alex Duarte, Field CTO, Wiz  
Eric Schulz, CISO, Primient  
Rizwan Mir, VP, Global CISO & IT Risk, Perrigo

**9:40am - 10:25am**      **CISO Role Evolution — How Are You Adapting?**

Bill Podborny, CISO, Constellation Brands  
Brian Palmer, Director, IT Security and Infrastructure, Ventas

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

- 10:35am - 11:00am**    **Peer-to-Peer Meetings**
- 11:10am - 11:55am**    **Streamlining Compliance for Operational Excellence**
- Tony Lauro, Director of Security Strategy, Akamai Technologies
- 11:10am - 11:55am**    **Introducing the BISO 2.0 — The Latest in Leadership Development**
- Daniel Manley, Managing Director & CISO, CME Group
- 11:10am - 11:55am**    **Identity Security in the Agentic AI Era**
- Mike Towers, Chief Security & Trust Officer, Veza  
David Fagan, Director of Cybersecurity, Ferrara  
Fred Kwong, VP, CISO, DeVry University
- 11:10am - 11:55am**    **True Defense Against API & Application Incidents**
- Larry Maccherone, Evangelist, Contrast Security  
Matt Morton, AVP & CISO, University of Chicago  
Anthony O'Neill, CISO & Chief Risk Officer, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- 11:55am - 12:30pm**    **Lunch Service**
- 11:55am - 12:30pm**    **Women In Security Networking Lunch**
- Devin Rudnicki, CISO, Fitch Ratings
- 12:30pm - 1:05pm**    **Zero Trust & AI — Strengthening Security, Reducing Complexity, and Driving Innovation**
- Jay Chaudhry, CEO, Chairman & Founder, Zscaler  
Deneen DeFiore, VP & CISO, United Airlines
- 1:05pm - 1:30pm**    **Break**
- 1:30pm - 2:15pm**    **Safe and Sound — Advice and Alignment on "Reasonable" Risk**
- Erik Hart, CISO, Cushman & Wakefield

Karen Habercoss, VP, Chief Information Security and Privacy Officer, UChicago Medicine  
Sunil Shenoi, Partner - Government & Internal Investigations Group, Kirkland & Ellis

**1:30pm - 2:15pm**      **Be Ready! Preparing Your People for a Cyber Crisis**

Daniel Potter, Senior Director, Cyber Drills & Resilience, Immersive  
Scott Barnes, Sr Director, Enterprise Cyber Security, Fortune Brands Innovations  
Ziggy Kowalski, Vice President of Information Security, Hendrickson

**1:30pm - 2:15pm**      **Pushing the Security Perimeter to the Edge**

Matt Torrisi, Sales Engineering Manager, Fastly  
Sean Ventura, Head of Information Security and Compliance, KinderCare  
John McNicholas, Director of Information Security and Compliance, T.Y. Lin International

**1:30pm - 2:15pm**      **Cyber Resilience — Meeting Security's New Standard**

Cynthia Hayward, Head, IT Risk, Enova International  
Derek Dixon, CISO, Fresenius Kabi

**2:15pm - 3:00pm**      **Networking Break**

**2:25pm - 2:50pm**      **Peer-to-Peer Meetings**

**3:00pm - 3:45pm**      **Maturity & Modernity — The Value and Values of Your CISO Generation**

Devin Rudnicki, CISO, Fitch Ratings  
Mark Morrison, CISO, Options Clearing Corporation

**3:00pm - 3:45pm**      **The CISO as a Shepherd of the Enterprise**

Art Chaisiriwatanasai, Chief Information Security Officer, Paylocity  
Michael Wareman, CISO, The Marmon Group

**3:00pm - 3:45pm**      **Maximize Velocity While Unlocking Incident Response Value**

Paul Kurtz, Field CTO, Splunk  
Greg Fisbeck, CISO, Tempus AI  
Diane Brown, VP, IT Risk Management, Ulta Beauty

**3:00pm - 3:45pm**      **Proactive, Preventative and Resilient Cloud Security**

Raf Chiodo, CRO, Orca Security  
Partho Ghatak, CISO, Grant Thornton  
Brad Skibitzki, CISO, Zebra Technologies

**3:45pm - 4:00pm**      **Networking Break**

**4:00pm - 4:45pm**      **Balancing Act — How We Scaled AI Responsibly Without Slowing Down Innovation**

Daniel Mayer, CISO, Morningstar  
Brandon Brooks, Global Head of Privacy - Legal, Morningstar

**4:45pm - 4:55pm**      **Closing Comments and Prize Drawing**

**4:55pm - 6:00pm**      **Governing Body Reception**