Charlotte CIO Community Executive Summit

The Westin Charlotte

May 7, 2026

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

8:30am - 9:15am **5 Techniques to Enable Innovation for Growth in the AI Age**

Tsuneo Fujiwara, Distinguished VP Analyst, Gartner

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

9:40am - 10:25am **Centralization — Unifying Systems for Resilience and Control**

Ethan Steiger, CISO, YUM! Brands

9:40am - 10:25am **Driving Innovation with Unified Governance and Security**

9:40am - 10:25am **Strategic Resources Fueling Security and IT Success**

Ronnie Bryant, SVP & CIO, Charlotte Hornets

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

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

11:10am - 11:55am **Breakout Session presented by Cyera**

11:10am - 11:55am **Executive Boardroom hosted by Google Cloud Security**

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

12:30pm - 1:05pm **Lunch Keynote presented by Cloudflare**

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

1:30pm - 2:15pm	**Breakout Session presented by Citrix Systems, Inc.**
1:30pm - 2:15pm	**Boardroom Blind Spots — What Leaders Wish Their Boards Knew**
	Max Everett, VP, Cybersecurity & IT Compliance, CISO, Shaw Industries
2:15pm - 3:00pm	**Networking Break**
2:25pm - 2:50pm	**Peer-to-Peer Meetings**
3:00pm - 3:45pm	**What's Defining Your Quarter – Peer Exchange**
3:00pm - 3:45pm	**Maximizing ROI in Application Research and Selection**
3:45pm - 4:00pm	**Networking Break**
4:00pm - 4:35pm	**Governance That Drives Growth — Executive Strategies for Technology Integration**
	Sathish Muthukrishnan, Chief Information, Data & Digital Officer, Ally
4:35pm - 4:45pm	**Closing Comments and Prize Drawing**