

Houston CISO Community Executive Summit

Hyatt Regency Houston/Galleria

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May 6, 2026

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

8:30am - 9:15am **Fail Fast & Figure It Out—Building a Resilient Security Culture**

Salman Khan, CISO, Harris Health
Jay McMickle, CISO, Oceaneering International

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

9:40am - 10:25am **When Trust Is Targeted—Securing Your Organization Against Reputation Assassination**

Scott vonFischer, Global CISO, LyondellBasell

9:40am - 10:25am **Securing Tomorrow — Rethinking Data Recovery Strategies**

Simon Le Comte, VP, Systems Engineering, Veeam

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

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

11:10am - 11:55am **Rethinking Security for Agentic AI — From Control to Orchestration**

11:10am - 11:55am **High-Profile, High Risk — Securing the C-Suite**

Andreea Anderson, IT Director (CISO), Amni International
Petroleum

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

- 12:30pm - 1:05pm** **Lunch keynote presented by Cloudflare**
- Khalid Kark, Field CIO, Cloudflare
- 1:05pm - 1:30pm** **Break**
- 1:30pm - 2:15pm** **Securing the Agentic Workforce**
- Chad Skipper, Global Security Technologist, Cisco Secure
- 1:30pm - 2:15pm** **Moving to a Better Authentication Experience**
- John Flores, CISO & AVP, Information Security, UTMB Health
- 1:30pm - 2:15pm** **From Pushback to Progress—Advancing OT Security**
- Cherryl Freeman, Director, IT Security & Compliance,
Enterprise Products Partners
Patricia Romero, Manager, Information Security, CITGO
Petroleum
- 2:15pm - 3:00pm** **Networking Break**
- 2:25pm - 2:50pm** **Peer-to-Peer Meetings**
- 3:00pm - 3:45pm** **AI, Cybersecurity & Business Innovation—The Modern CISO's
Leadership Imperative**
- Marc Crudgington, VP, IT Infrastructure & Cybersecurity, Crane
Worldwide Logistics
- 3:00pm - 3:45pm** **Making Cyber Risks Digestible—Strategies for Efficient Board
and Executive Education**
- 3:00pm - 3:45pm** **More Than a Multi-Tool—Why CISOs Aren't Swiss-Army Knives**
- 3:45pm - 4:00pm** **Networking Break**
- 4:00pm - 4:35pm** **Building a Powerful, Personal Executive Brand**
- Sean Barnes, President, Wolf Executives

4:35pm - 4:45pm

Closing Comments and Prize Drawing