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Chris McFarland

Group Vice President, Technology Services, and Chief Information Security Officer

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University advisory-board biography resolves title and Columbus location. [Current-role source](#)

Direct business email and telephone: not publicly verified.

[LinkedIn profile](#) | [Named professional biography / public route](#)

Work base: Columbus, Ohio. Institutional biography lists location; travel availability unconfirmed.

Recommendation and rationale

Reserve / second-group qualification. Retail security leader with RH-ISAC/NRF governance service; exact executive scope needs confirmation.

Research rank #30 - Sector qualification. Final research recommendation for this pass; ISA selection and outreach approval pending.

Company capacity and proposed benefit

Global specialty retailer; no company funding authorization established. [Source: www.govinfosecurity.com](#)

Proposed company benefit: Test Abercrombie & Fitch's vendor oversight and cross-functional decision process.

Proposed executive benefit: Contribute his public third-party risk communication approach.

What This Recruit Could Add to ISA

Create a supplier-risk briefing that makes executive ownership and business value explicit. [Source: music.amazon.co.jp](#)

Handbook connection: Tool H 57-59; J 63-65. Proposed output and benefits require agreement. [Source: www.nacdonline.org](#)

Introduction and next decision

No named introducer established. ISA to designate an approved contact route; no private relationship inferred.

ISA to reconcile account status and route; then validate current remit, contribution, corporate payer and participation directly.

Policy history and board-selection fit

Policy evidence gap: Reviewed commentary supports an operating or governance perspective, but attributable testimony, formal policy input or a government advisory role has not been verified in this pass.

December 11, 2025 announcement - RH-ISAC | Retail & Hospitality ISAC Announces New Board Members and Officers - RH-ISAC. RH-ISAC announced McFarland's election and identified NRF IT Security Council executive-committee and other advisory service. [Source: rhisac.org](https://rhisac.org)

Confirm exact employer title and the contribution he could bring to ISA; no own policy submission established.

Benchmark: ISA recommendations, current ISA board practitioner profile, operating authority, company capacity, attributable policy work, concrete contribution, and portfolio balance. Corporate directorship alone does not determine priority.

Qualification status and ownership

Requirement	Evidence and remaining confirmation
Current role	Public role support; recheck directly before contact; direct confirmation pending.
ISA membership	Unknown current company/account and designated-representative status. Public board absence does not establish nonmembership.
Eligibility	Operating practitioner fit supported by research. ISA acceptance and employer designation pending.
Board feedback / introducer	No named introducer established. Introduction completion: not confirmed.
Corporate sponsorship	Published annual dues \$75,000; corporate payer, budget approver and written authorization not confirmed.
Executive interest	Not directly confirmed. Published interest in cyber topics is not membership interest.
Time / participation	Four meetings yearly, including two in Washington, DC and two virtual, plus agreed preparation. Availability, travel and term commitment not confirmed.
ISA output and benefits	Person-specific hypotheses documented; prospect and employer acceptance not confirmed.
Portfolio	Industry/expertise rationale assessed. Work base and DC access require direct confirmation.

[ISA public board / meeting baseline](#) | [Bylaws](#) | [Published sponsorship](#)

1631 owns researched case and source accuracy; ISA owns current membership/eligibility/introducer decision; employer/prospect must confirm funding, interest, availability and proposed output.

Image and contact provenance

Portrait: Name-matched image on named public biography. [Source: miamioh.edu](https://miamioh.edu)

Company mark: Current employer website brand asset [Source: corporate.abercrombie.com](https://corporate.abercrombie.com)

Attributable commentary and evidence ledger

1 / 10 substantive sightings recorded. Depth target remains open; no biographies, awards or duplicate syndications added to fill the gap.

1. Third-Party Cyber Risk Management for Dummies: Chapter 2 - Communicating the Importance of TPCRM | Cyber Risk Nation Amazon Music

2022-04 | Original podcast episode description [Source: music.amazon.co.jp](https://music.amazon.co.jp)

Discusses communicating third-party risk-management value in terms relevant to executives, directors and other departments.

Attribution / limitation: Publisher description establishes the discussion's subject; it does not establish a precise personal recommendation.

ISA relevance: Direct connection to ISA's management-to-board purpose.

Events and topic interest - not counted

Organizer listings and short reactions are research leads. They do not establish delivered remarks or ISA interest.

2021 | Take Control of Cybersecurity Architecture in the Era of Remote Work [Source: www.evanta.com](https://www.evanta.com)

Evanta lists McFarland in a boardroom discussion on remote work, cloud governance and existing controls.

Limit: Agenda verifies planned role, not personal recommendations or a public transcript.