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Helen Patton

Cybersecurity Executive Advisor
Cisco

Current byline and biography identify advisory role; active management qualification still requires ISA review. **Current-role source**

Direct business email and telephone: not publicly verified.

LinkedIn profile | Named professional biography / public route

Work base: Not established from reviewed sources. Actual work base, DC access and willingness require direct confirmation.

Recommendation and rationale

Hold for title/remit qualification. Substantive policy proposals, but current advisory role requires ISA eligibility and enterprise sponsorship confirmation.

Research rank #50 - Sponsor / remit qualification. Final research recommendation for this pass; ISA selection and outreach approval pending.

Company capacity and proposed benefit

FY2025 revenue \$56.7bn. Current customer-advisory role at an operating company; do not label her Cisco enterprise CISO. **Source:** investor.cisco.com

Proposed company benefit: Test Cisco's public-service governance contribution; confirm advisor management remit and sponsor.

Proposed executive benefit: Contribute her documented public-sector resilience perspective.

What This Recruit Could Add to ISA

Develop a public-service continuity case retaining human judgment and workforce responsibility. **Source:** www.carahsoft.com

Handbook connection: Tool B 37-40; 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

Documented historical state cyber advisory appointment: Additional primary government publication verified on October 13, 2026; see dated source below. Current ISA eligibility and sponsorship remain open.

2024; exact publication date not exposed - The 5x5-The evolving role of CISOs and senior cybersecurity executives - Atlantic Council. Discusses CISO authority over disclosures and proposes protection for reporting unsafe cyber conditions. **Source:** www.atlanticcouncil.org

Historical discussion of liability and proposed protections, not current legal advice or enacted policy. Current company-employed advisory role needs an eligibility decision.

2016-09-29 - Attorney General DeWine Launches CyberOhio Initiative to Assist Ohio Businesses. Ohio's Attorney General lists Patton, then Ohio State CISO, on the advisory board for a program covering proposed legislation, business training and workforce development. **Source:** www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov

Historical appointment establishes participation, not current service, sole policy authorship or ownership of the program's results. No own statement counted.

2021-10-22 - Zero Trust and the Federal Government: Feedback for Progress. Patton recommends measurable effectiveness, implementation phased by risk and agency executive support for zero trust. **Source:** blogs.cisco.com

Employer publication about federal policy, not a government-hosted submission or proof of adoption.

2024-05-20 - Whole of State: Leveraging Security Platforms in Government. Patton discusses state and local security grant implementation, outcome measurement, shared purchasing and partnerships. **Source:** blogs.cisco.com

Employer government-affairs blog, not a state or city government source.

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	Conditional representative fit. 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: Exact asset observed on named public source. [Source: www.carahsoft.com](http://www.carahsoft.com)

Company mark: Cisco wordmark supplied and approved by user on October 13, 2026; 1280 x 676 pixels.

Attributable commentary and evidence ledger

10 / 10 substantive sightings recorded. Depth target met.

1. Redefining Resilience Around Continuity and Public Trust | Carahsoft

August 3, 2026 | Authored public-sector article [Source: www.carahsoft.com](https://www.carahsoft.com)

Frames resilience around essential-service continuity and public trust, with humans retaining judgment as AI is deployed.

Attribution / limitation: Public position; confirm current relevance and company sponsorship interest.

2. How CISOs Can Impact Security for All - Cisco Blogs

April 26, 2021 | Direct employer Q&A [Source: blogs.cisco.com](https://blogs.cisco.com)

Discusses influence and buy-in from boards and users, plus technical debt and the ecosystem risks created by cloud dependencies.

Attribution / limitation: Historical interview; role has changed.

3. Helen Patton: A platform to talk about security. [CISO]

January 30, 2022 | Direct interview transcript [Source: thecyberwire.com](https://thecyberwire.com)

Explains persuading colleagues and building relationships in decentralized university security rather than relying on command authority.

Attribution / limitation: Use the episode date, not the website's current header date.

4. Leadership stories - Creating Safe Spaces in Cybersecurity

Undated | Attributed contribution to employer ebook [Source: ebooks.cisco.com](https://ebooks.cisco.com)

Her own section connects transparent, vulnerable leadership to trust and a supportive working environment for security teams.

Attribution / limitation: Other contributors' statements are excluded; mental-health support is not a nationwide workforce policy.

5. Speeding Up Security Work Could Undermine the Next Generation of Defenders

August 2, 2026 | Direct published interview [Source: www.thesecuritydigest.com](https://www.thesecuritydigest.com)

Warns that optimizing AI solely for speed removes junior staff's learning work; also argues under-resourced teams need community investment and workable oversight.

Attribution / limitation: Publisher is powered by Strike48; statements establish her position, not independent workforce statistics.

6. Security resilience: moving beyond the buzzword

2023-04-05 | Employer-published interview [Source: blogs.cisco.com](https://blogs.cisco.com)

Patton discusses executive investment incentives, hiring beyond conventional career paths and collaboration with government, academia and industry.

Attribution / limitation: Interview by Tazin Khan; corporate research claims are not independently validated.

ISA relevance: Potential ISA contribution inferred from documented governance, workforce or policy views; ISA interest and sponsorship unconfirmed.

7. How well-integrated tech can boost your organization's security

2022-01-26 | Self-authored employer blog [Source: blogs.cisco.com](https://blogs.cisco.com)

Patton recommends buying tools that integrate with existing systems and automating asset identification.

Attribution / limitation: Vendor perspective; cited survey results are not independent effectiveness proof.

ISA relevance: Potential ISA contribution inferred from documented governance, workforce or policy views; ISA interest and sponsorship unconfirmed.

8. Enabling cybersecurity incident response

2024-08-15 | Self-authored employer blog [Source: blogs.cisco.com](https://blogs.cisco.com)

Patton connects incident response to visibility across endpoints, networks and business processes and to correlating telemetry.

Attribution / limitation: Higher-education context; vendor product claims remain commercial claims.

ISA relevance: Potential ISA contribution inferred from documented governance, workforce or policy views; ISA interest and sponsorship unconfirmed.

9. Zero Trust and the Federal Government: Feedback for Progress

2021-10-22 | Self-authored policy commentary [Source: blogs.cisco.com](https://blogs.cisco.com)

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10. Whole of State: Leveraging Security Platforms in Government

2024-05-20 | Self-authored policy commentary [Source: blogs.cisco.com](https://blogs.cisco.com)

Patton discusses state and local security grant implementation, outcome measurement, shared purchasing and partnerships.

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Video titles and context for further review

Discovery leads below are not counted. Titles help prioritize review; the executive's actual remarks determine substance.

Helen Patton (Cisco) | Crafting an effective cybersecurity strategy [Source: www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Review context: Security strategy; screen for board communication and economic framing.

Attribution / duplicate check: Review actual remarks, date and employer context.

The Future CISO: AI, Quantum & Becoming a Multidisciplinary Strategist ... [Source: www.youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Review context: Future CISO remit, AI and quantum; screen for governance breadth.

Attribution / duplicate check: Title establishes a topic, not an attributable recommendation.