

Board Director | Governance & Strategic Oversight | Cyber, Data Privacy & AI Risk

Experienced board director with 20+ years in cybersecurity, AI, data governance, and enterprise risk management. Proven oversight across private, venture-backed, and nonprofit organizations, supporting strategic growth, capital strategy, M&A, and international expansion. Global outlook with multilingual fluency in English, French, and Spanish.

Independent Board Experience

- **ISC2 | Board Director, Vice Chair, Audit & Ethics Committees** | 2025–Present | Alexandria, VA
- **Sydney (McCurdy) Airport Authority | Board Director, Audit Committee** | 2025–Present | Sydney, NS
- **Protocase | Board Director** | 2019–Present | Sydney, NS
- **Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation | Board Director** | 2009–2011 | Sydney, NS
- **Cape Breton Music Industry Cooperative | Board Director** | 2007–2009 | Sydney, NS

Executive Board Experience

- **Carbide Secure | Board Director (Founding CEO)** | 2018–Present | Sydney, NS
- **Marcato Digital Solutions (Acquired by Patron Technologies) | Board Chairman (Founding CEO)** | 2011–2018 | Sydney, NS

Career Highlights

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Carbide Secure, Sydney, Nova Scotia **2018 – Present**

Lead cybersecurity innovation and strategic growth, scaling Carbide into a leading SaaS provider for intelligent security and data privacy solutions. Spearhead product development, go-to-market strategy, and regulatory compliance.

Entrepreneur in Residence, Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, Toronto University, Brampton, Ontario **2021 – 2024**

Advised cybersecurity and data privacy startups on scaling, fundraising, and executive leadership. Provided mentorship on go-to-market strategies, governance, and privacy-by-design frameworks.

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Marcato Digital Solutions **2008 – 2018**

Built Marcato into a global industry leader, delivering cloud-based festival logistics management solutions used by 300+ major events worldwide.

Professional Development

Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) (2025-2026)

Governance Essentials Program (GEP), Board Oversight of Strategy, Chairing Boards

University of Oxford Saïd Business School (2026)

Executive Strategy Programme, Corporate Strategy, Competitive Advantage, Value Creation

National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) (2025)

Introduction to Directorship; Governing Into the Future; Introduction to ESG Oversight, Director Professionalism®

University of Colorado Boulder (2024)

Global Perspectives of DEI in the Workplace Specialization

Educational Highlights

Master of Engineering in Engineering Management

Lockheed Martin Engineering Management Program

University of Colorado Boulder, College of Engineering & Applied Science

Certifications

Directorship Certification – NACD.DC

National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD)

Artificial Intelligence Governance Professional – AIGP

International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)

Certified Information System Auditor – CISA

Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA)

Certified Information Privacy Manager – CIPM

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Certified Information System Security Professional – CISSP

International Information System Security Certification Consortium, Inc.(ISC2)

Volunteer & Advisory Roles

Canada Coast Guard Auxiliary – Volunteer Marine Search & Rescue (2021–Present)

Cape Breton Connector Program – Immigration Mentor (2023–Present)

Techstars Boston – Big Star/Little Star Program – Mentor Advisor (2020–2021)

Mentor Connect – Cape Breton – Mentor Advisor (2014–2021)

Publications & Thought Leadership

"Bolster Your First Line of Defense – 5 Tips to Foster a Security Culture" - IT World Canada, 2022

"At What Stage Does Your Company Need To Think About Cybersecurity And Data Privacy?"- Forbes, 2020

"Cybersecurity And Privacy Recommendations For Boards" - Forbes, 2020

