

Former Facebook, Uber and Cloudflare CSO Joe Sullivan Joins Manifold Security Board

One of cybersecurity's most experienced leaders joins the board of agentic security company as it scales its technology for securing AI agents at the endpoint

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, September 10, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- [Manifold Security](#), the agentic security company protecting organizations from the risks created by AI agents, today announces the appointment of renowned cybersecurity leader Joe Sullivan to its Board of Directors.



Sullivan brings more than three decades of experience spanning the public and private sectors, spearheading cybersecurity strategies for some of the world's largest tech companies. In addition to CSO positions at Facebook, Uber and Cloudflare, he served as a federal prosecutor for the US Department of Justice, playing an instrumental role in establishing the Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Unit in the Northern District of California.

Sullivan joins Manifold as it scales its platform for securing AI agents operating across employee endpoints, browsers, desktop applications and cloud environments. An early backer of the company, he is among the investors behind the \$15 million Manifold has raised to date.

His appointment comes at a pivotal time for agentic AI security in the wake of agents from OpenAI, Anthropic and Meta reaching the open internet during evaluations and breaking into real organizations, prompting government and industry intervention on a global scale. With 74% of companies expecting to use AI agents by 2027, [according to Deloitte](#), three capabilities are becoming critical for every enterprise: full visibility into the agents running across the organization, the means to govern how they behave, and the ability to detect and respond to threats in real time. Working with Sullivan, Manifold has already secured the agentic workforce of multiple Fortune 500 companies, and is now extending coverage wherever agentic work takes place within the enterprise, whether that's on the endpoint, in the browser, or in the cloud.

Sullivan's appointment further strengthens Manifold's leadership team, which includes Neal Swaelens, CEO, and CTO Oleksandr Yaremchuk. Prior to founding Manifold, Swaelens and Yaremchuk launched Laiyer AI, where they created LLM Guard, the most widely adopted open-source LLM firewall in existence.

Joe Sullivan comments:

"AI agents are a fundamentally different security challenge because they're built on probabilistic software. We can send an agent in to do a job and it will do the right thing most of the time, but occasionally it will go off the reservation.

"Manifold Security recognized early on that this wasn't a future problem. It was a problem enterprises would be facing as soon as they started deploying agents at scale. They were thinking about these risks ahead of the rest of us, and have built a solution at exactly the moment organizations are starting to confront them. That's why I'm excited to join the board and help the team as this market develops."

Neal Swaelens, Co-Founder and CEO of Manifold Security, said:

"Joe has lived through virtually every phase of the modern security industry, from investigating cybercrime as a federal prosecutor to building security programs at some of the world's largest technology companies.

"He understands both the technical reality of what agents are doing and the organisational consequences when security teams cannot see or control those actions. We couldn't think of a better person to have alongside us as we build the security layer for the agentic workforce."

Oleksandr Yaremchuk, Co-Founder and CTO of Manifold Security, added:

"We're reaching an inflection point in agentic AI capabilities, with the potential for enormous gains alongside a new class of security and safety challenges. With the launch of GPT-6 Astra, a new standard has been set for how much work can be offloaded to an AI agent, which will only increase as AI advances. Organizations are moving quickly to harness these extraordinary capabilities, making it increasingly important that security keeps pace.

"We built Manifold around this exact challenge, giving companies visibility and control over what their agents are actually doing as they operate across the enterprise. Joe has long shared our vision for securing the agentic workforce, and we're pleased to have his experience and perspective alongside us as we build what comes next."

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