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“Boards of directors face an enormous challenge in overseeing how their companies manage cybersecurity risk,” said CAQ Executive Director Cindy Fornelli. “Our tool can help foster dialogue that is crucial to addressing cybersecurity challenges and to establishing a clear understanding of cybersecurity roles and responsibilities.”

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III. Understanding management's approach to cybersecurity risk management

IV. Understanding how CPA firms can assist boards of directors in their oversight of cybersecurity risk management

In addition to its questions, the tool compiles cybersecurity-related resources from the CAQ, the American Institute of CPAs, the National Association of Corporate Directors, and others.

“As boards tackle this oversight challenge, they have a valuable resource in CPAs and in the public company auditing profession,” Fornelli said. “CPAs bring deep expertise in providing independent assurance services and have assisted companies with information security for decades.”

For more on the public company auditing profession's cybersecurity efforts, consult the CAQ's [cybersecurity resource page](#), as well as its 2017 whitepaper, *The CPA's Role in Addressing Cybersecurity Risk*.

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