



Executive Conversation Review

Prepared for **Meridian Cloud**

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Messaging, process, execution, customer response, and continuous improvement — read across every recorded sales conversation.

PRIMARY OUTCOME

Help representatives succeed, give leadership earlier visibility, and convert more customer interest into closed business.

100

USABLE RECORDINGS

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72

ACCOUNTS

24

REPRESENTATIVES

58h

RECORDED TIME



AT A GLANCE

Key findings & recommendations

KEY FINDINGS

- 1 Interest is **strong** — 61 of 100 recordings carried three or more buying signals.
- 2 The gap is **conversion to commitment** — only 19 of 100 ended with a dated next step, and 48 of 61 high-interest recordings had none.
- 3 Execution **varies widely** by representative and team — the top quartile runs materially stronger conversations than the bottom.
- 4 Demos are the clearest **immediate fix** — 76% median vendor talk share, and only 4 of 28 closed with a dated next step.
- 5 Objections **recur** (fit, status quo) and are rarely closed on the record — a signal about enablement, not individuals.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Make a **dated next event** the default exit of every meeting.
- 2 Codify the **top-quartile** discovery and demo motions as the team standard.
- 3 Turn recurring objections into **shared, prepared responses** — institutional, not improvised.
- 4 Give leadership **continuity across the journey**, not only per-meeting visibility.
- 5 Tie every capability shown to a **measurable customer outcome** before moving on.

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ORIENTATION

How to read this report

The findings are organized around one commercial objective: help Meridian Cloud close more deals by making customer conversations clearer, more consistent, and easier to improve.

ONE BUSINESS GOAL

Help representatives run stronger conversations, help leadership guide the field, and convert more customer interest into closed business.

Five connected areas

MESSAGING

Is Meridian Cloud's value clear, differentiated, and connected to the customer's business objective?

PROCESS

Are discovery, demos, POVs, and technical sessions run to clear stage-specific best practices?

EXECUTION

How consistently is the process followed, where does it vary, and when should leadership step in?

CUSTOMER RESPONSE

How are customers reacting, which messages land, which objections repeat, and how is the product perceived?

INSIGHT & ITERATION

How can field insight improve messaging, process, enablement, and product priorities — then be measured again?

Three things every conversation should reveal

1. **Meeting execution** — how well was the meeting run against best practice for that stage?
2. **Customer engagement** — questions, urgency, advocacy, objections, and next-step pull.
3. **Product & company perception** — what value landed, where confidence fell, and how Meridian Cloud was perceived.





VALUE

Why this matters

FOR REPRESENTATIVES

- ✓ Better preparation and clearer stage expectations.
- ✓ Stronger objection handling.
- ✓ Continuity across meetings.
- ✓ More confidence in the next action.

FOR LEADERSHIP

- Less time collecting status.
- Earlier visibility into risk.
- Clearer product and market insight.
- More time guiding the field.

LEADERSHIP OUTCOME

Spend less time asking what happened, and more time guiding what should happen next.





SECTION 1

1. What was analyzed

Meridian Cloud shared 104 recordings. The analysis package contained 100 usable recording files across 72 accounts and 24 team members.

MEASURE	FINDING
Usable recording files	100
Accounts represented	72
Team members	24
Identified customer participants	168
Known recorded time	58h 20m
Discovery recordings	33
Demo recordings	28
POV recordings	17
Technical recordings	20
Unclassified recordings	2

A small number of meetings may span more than one file; this report uses “recording,” not “meeting.”

IMPORTANT CALIBRATION

This was a selected set of conversations. It does not include complete CRM stage history, opportunity values, emails, procurement or legal activity, or closed-won/closed-lost outcomes. The report shows what occurred inside the supplied conversations — not everything before or after them — so it does not claim a behavior directly caused a deal to close, stall, or be lost.





SECTION 2

2. Executive summary

Meridian Cloud is creating genuine customer interest. Customers asked detailed questions, discussed budgets and timelines, requested pricing, involved additional stakeholders, progressed into technical validation, and participated in proof-of-value sessions.

CENTRAL FINDING

The main opportunity is not generating interest. It is converting that interest into more consistent and visible commercial progress.

PROGRESS INDICATOR	FINDING
Recordings with at least one stated follow-up action	92 of 100
Recordings with a specific date or deadline	19 of 100
Recordings with three or more buying-signal observations	61 of 100
High-interest recordings <i>without</i> a dated next event	48 of 61

WHAT THIS MEANS

Strong customer interest was not always converted into a scheduled commitment.





SECTION 3

3. How customers perceive the business value

Customers see Meridian Cloud as technically capable and relevant to meaningful cloud-cost, governance, operational, and partner-business challenges. They invested time, asked detailed questions, involved additional stakeholders, and progressed into technical and POV stages.

WHAT IS LANDING

- ✓ Reducing cloud expenditure.
- ✓ Lowering manual operational effort.
- ✓ Improving governance and control.
- ✓ Consolidating multiple tools and processes.
- ✓ Managing complexity across accounts and environments.
- ✓ Helping partners create new managed-service revenue.
- ✓ Using the customer's own data to show measurable value.

WHERE IT COULD BECOME STRONGER

- Product breadth can overshadow the customer's outcome.
- Modules and detail are not always tied to measurable value.
- A technically correct answer does not always increase confidence.
- Customers may understand *what* the platform does without *why* it matters now.

CUSTOMER'S REAL QUESTION

What will improve for us, why is Meridian Cloud required, and how will we measure the result?





SECTION 4 · FIELD EXECUTION

4. Representatives

Execution quality varied widely across the 24 representatives. The strongest and weakest cohorts ran materially different conversations — the opportunity is to make the strongest team’s practices consistent across everyone.

REPRESENTATIVE COHORT	AVG. QUESTIONS	MEDIAN TALK SHARE	DATED-NEXT-STEP RATE	PAIN CAPTURE
Top quartile (6 reps)	9.1	61%	34%	High
Median (12 reps)	6.4	70%	17%	Mixed
Bottom quartile (6 reps)	3.4	82%	6%	Low

Cohorts are directional groupings across the supplied recordings, not a fair individual ranking (see Section 12).

REPRESENTATIVE OUTCOME

The purpose is not to monitor representatives. It is to give them the preparation, structure, and context required to succeed — and to move the median toward the top quartile.





SECTION 5 · FIELD EXECUTION

5. Teams

Execution consistency also varied by team. Partner/MSP and Enterprise showed the strongest next-step discipline; Commercial carried the highest talk share and the lowest dated-next-step rate.

TEAM	RECORDINGS	MEDIAN TALK SHARE	DATED-NEXT-STEP RATE	OBJECTIONS / REC.
Enterprise	34	74%	22%	0.9
Commercial	31	77%	13%	0.6
Partner / MSP	20	68%	30%	0.7
APAC	15	72%	15%	0.8

WHAT IS WORKING

- ✓ Partner/MSP consistently books a dated next event.
- ✓ Enterprise surfaces and engages objections openly.
- ✓ Every team uncovered substantial, real business pain.

WHAT COULD BECOME STRONGER

- Commercial trends toward presentation over dialogue (77% talk share).
- Dated next steps are inconsistent outside Partner/MSP.
- Objection depth varies — some teams acknowledge without closing.





SECTION 6 · PIPELINE

6. Deals

Across the 72 accounts, recorded activity mapped to 63 distinct opportunities. Interest is broad, but momentum concentrates early and thins as deals should be advancing.

63OPPORTUNITIES
OBSERVED**23**

STALLED > 30 DAYS

11dMEDIAN DAYS
BETWEEN TOUCHES**48**HIGH-INTEREST, NO
DATED NEXT STEP

FURTHEST RECORDED STAGE	OPPORTUNITIES	MOMENTUM SIGNAL
Discovery	24	HEALTHY INFLOW
Demo	17	INTEREST HIGH, NEXT STEP VAGUE
Proof of value	13	VALUE SHOWN, FINISH LINE UNCLEAR
Technical validation	6	DEPENDENCIES UNOWNED
Late-stage / commercial	3	THIN — FEW REACH HERE

THE RISK: ACTIVITY MISTAKEN FOR PROGRESS

An account can accumulate many meetings while still carrying unresolved commitments, objections, and decision criteria. Deals need continuity across the whole journey — not only inside individual meetings.





SECTION 7 · PROCESS

7. Discovery calls

Discovery was the healthiest stage overall, but quality was not uniform.

DISCOVERY MEASURE	FINDING
Recordings	33
Median Meridian talk share	58%
Average Meridian questions	7.4
Pain points identified	96
Recordings with a follow-up action	31 of 33
Recordings with a dated next step	6 of 33

WHAT IS WORKING

- ✓ Customers were given room to speak.
- ✓ Representatives asked real questions.
- ✓ Conversations uncovered substantial business and technical pain.
- ✓ Almost every discovery produced a follow-up.

WHAT COULD BECOME STRONGER

- Why the customer must act *now* wasn't always established.
- The quantified cost of the problem was often missing.
- Decision-makers, blockers, and buying process weren't consistently visible.
- The next event frequently lacked a date.

What stronger discovery looks like

1. What the customer is trying to change, and why it matters now.
2. What it costs in money, time, risk, or effort.
3. How they handle it today, and what alternatives are being considered.
4. Who participates in the decision, and what must be proven to proceed.
5. What happens next — who owns it, and when.





SECTION 8 · PROCESS

8. Demos

Demos represent the clearest immediate improvement opportunity.

DEMO MEASURE	FINDING
Recordings	28
Average duration	51 min
Median Meridian talk share	76%
Demos with $\geq 80\%$ Meridian talk share	13 of 28
Average customer questions	11.2
Feature requests or gaps raised	64
Demos with a dated next step	4 of 28

Talk-share data is directional; speaker attribution was inferred in many recordings.

WHAT IS WORKING

- ✓ Customers were curious and asked many questions.
- ✓ Reps showed substantial product knowledge.
- ✓ Strongest moments used customer-specific problems or data.

WHAT COULD BECOME STRONGER

- The demo often returned to a product tour after a question.
- Answers were given without exploring why the capability mattered.
- Breadth sometimes diluted the most relevant features.
- Only 4 of 28 demos ended with a dated next step.

RECOMMENDED RHYTHM

Show. Ask. Confirm. Then continue.





SECTION 9 · PROCESS

9. Proof-of-value & technical sessions

POV MEASURE	FINDING	TECHNICAL MEASURE	FINDING
Recordings	17	Recordings	20
Median duration	24 min	Average duration	26 min
Median talk share	65%	Median talk share	69%
POVs with a dated next step	8 of 17	Pain points identified	44
Customer next-step pull	17	Feature requests or gaps	18
Internal advocacy observed	15	Sessions with a dated next step	3 of 20

POVs carried some of the strongest engagement signals — customers evaluated with their own data and pulled for next steps — but success criteria were often implicit and finish lines unclear. Technical sessions showed real depth and credibility, but dependencies were sometimes left without an owner, date, or checkpoint.





SECTION 10 · CUSTOMER RESPONSE

10. Objections & product perception

Across the supplied recordings, 74 objections were detected. Explicit closure was rarely visible inside the recording — concerns may have been resolved later by email or another meeting.

OBJECTION CATEGORY	COUNT	RECORDED RESPONSE	COUNT
Fit	30	Acknowledged	58
Status quo	12	Deflected	13
Price	8	Explicit customer acceptance	3
Timing	7	Unclear	0
Risk	6		
Other	11		

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATION

Repeated objections are not isolated representative problems. They are signals about messaging, enablement, product positioning, expectation setting, and product fit — and should become shared institutional knowledge.





SECTION 11 · EXECUTION

11. Continuity across meetings

Fourteen accounts contained multiple recorded interactions. Across those journeys, 48 commitments were identified.

COMMITMENT STATUS IN THE NEXT RECORDING	COUNT
Clearly completed	9
Partially completed	3
Dropped	4
Not confirmed	32

CORE NEED

Greater continuity across the entire customer journey — not only within individual meetings. The next recorded conversation often did not visibly close the loop.





SECTION 12 · CALIBRATION

12. What has & hasn't been established

WHAT THE ANALYSIS ESTABLISHED

- ✓ Strong customer interest and technical credibility.
- ✓ Positive engagement when business outcomes are made clear.
- ✓ Variation in execution across meetings and teams.
- ✓ High-interest conversations without scheduled progression.
- ✓ Recurring objections that should become institutional knowledge.

WHAT IT DOES NOT ESTABLISH

- A direct increase or loss in revenue.
- Which opportunities ultimately closed.
- Complete funnel conversion.
- A fair ranking of all 24 representatives.
- Every follow-up completed outside the recordings.

Those questions require fuller transcripts or recordings, CRM linkage, outcome data, and broader coverage. Being explicit about these limits makes the supported findings more credible.

13. Conclusion

Meridian Cloud already has the hard part: a credible product, technically strong people, customers willing to engage deeply, and clear evidence of buying interest.

The opportunity is to make those strengths **consistent** — making the business message as strong as the product, running each stage to clear best practices, preparing reps for predictable objections, and connecting context across the full customer journey so leadership gets field visibility without attending every meeting.

INTENDED OUTCOME

Help representatives succeed, help leadership guide the field more effectively, and convert more customer interest into closed business.





GET THIS ON YOUR OWN RECORDINGS

Talk to us about a full executive conversation review for your team.

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