

## **Kurt Thigpen**

Kurt Thigpen is a longtime education advocate, having served as a trustee on the Washoe County School Board, and sponsoring schools through Education Alliance in northern Nevada.

Currently, he is the CEO of Ace Studios, a social impact marketing agency focused on uplifting brands that do good. He is also the Governor of District 14 of the American Advertising Federation (AAF), which is the unifying voice of advertising, serving club chapters in northern Nevada and northern California. Through his work in the AAF, Kurt has helped raise thousands of dollars for college scholarship programs and helped celebrate and recognize professional excellence in the advertising industry.

Mr. Thigpen also served, at the appointment of Governor Steve Sisolak, as a committee member of the Community College Workforce Training and Programs Committee, which worked to establish a \$5 million Workforce Investment Grant pilot program, with the hopes of making workforce programs in community colleges more affordable and accessible.

Mr. Thigpen is a longtime resident of Reno, Nevada but was born and raised in Georgia. He is a graduate of Southeastern Technical College with an Associate's Degree in Website Design.