

## **BIOGRAPHY – AUSTIN E. THOMPSON, JR., MBA, MPM**

Austin E. Thompson, Jr. is the founder and owner of [Thompson Management Consulting, LLC](#), for which he serves as a Management Consultant currently working with small business owners and entrepreneurs on various business strategy, planning, and development initiatives. Annually, Austin plans, organizes, and executes the [Entrepreneurship and Small Business Summit \(ESBS\)](#) attended by hundreds of small business owners, entrepreneurs, strategists, consultants, academicians, researchers, policy makers, thought leaders, and many others in the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Austin is originally from the Republic of Guyana, South America, and is currently an Adjunct Professor of Business and Project Management in the College of Adult and Professional Programs at Shorter University in Atlanta, GA. In addition, he has over 17 years in (EMI) regulatory compliance engineering. His published book, *A BRAND New You, Taking Ownership of Your Personal BRAND* is the basis for many of the personal development workshops he facilitates. There are upcoming literary projects currently in the pipeline.

In addition to writing, teaching, and business consulting, Austin formerly co-hosted a monthly radio program on WATB 1420AM, for which he created the Entrepreneurship and Business Empowerment Hour on the Carib and Company Show. On the program, Austin invited business owners into the studio for personal interviews and a discussion about their businesses. He publishes the monthly Empowered Business Journal for Thompson Management Consulting, LLC, which features articles written by Austin, and those contributed by consultants and entrepreneurs for the small business community. His company is a member of the award winning Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Austin is no stranger to keynote speaking, workshop facilitation, mentoring youth, serving on various business panels and non-profit boards, moderating town hall sessions, fundraising for political candidates, leadership development, and managing political campaigns. He is currently on the Advisory Board of Discovery High School Entrepreneurship and S.T.E.M Academies and serves as Chief Strategist on the Executive Board of Community Action Network Initiatives (C.A.N.I). In 2012, Austin was elected widely by constituents in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Georgia to the position of District Delegate. In December 2014, he was appointed directly by Mayor Judy Jordan-Johnson of Lawrenceville, Georgia to serve on the Downtown Architectural Review Board. Another appointment was awarded on the Development Advisory Board for the Board of Commissioners of Gwinnett County, appointed by District 4 Commissioner Marlene Fosque. In December 2019, Austin was appointed by the new Mayor of Lawrenceville, David Still, to the Lawrenceville Development Authority, and at the same time, assumed a key role on the Executive Board of the Lawrenceville Neighborhood Alliance. Always

one to serve, Austin campaigned in 2019 for Lawrenceville City Council – Post 1 and ran against two opposition candidates in the November 5, 2019 election. He was unsuccessful, acquiring almost 40% of all votes, and will run again in 2021.

Austin is a graduate of DeVry University and Keller Graduate School of Management. He holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Electronics Engineering, a Bachelor of Science degree in Telecommunications Management, a Master of Project Management degree with honors, and a Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.). He continues ongoing development in various key disciplines to strengthen his value proposition.