

## **Kishore S. Thota**



Appointed by Governor Glenn Youngkin, Kishore S. Thota serves as the Chief Deputy Director and Chief Diversity Officer for the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR). With over 15 years of experience in program management, operational excellence, and technology-driven improvement; Thota is a strategic leader who is focused on driving growth, scaling teams, and enabling talent. Kishore's experience in the private sector includes management consulting, organizational change management, digital transformation, financial services, innovation, mergers and acquisitions. His tenure at Fortune 500 companies has included employment as a Lead Acquisition Specialist at CACI and as a Consultant at Booz Allen Hamilton. In the public sector, he has provided consultation to senior leadership of the Department of Defense (DoD) and U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

Previously, Thota was a Gubernatorial Appointee to the Virginia Advisory Board on Physician Assistants, served on the YMCA of Greater Richmond's Millennial Initiative, the Better Housing Coalition's Young Professional Board, and the Jamestown Yorktown Foundation's 2019 American Evolution Commemoration Steering Committee.

Kishore holds a Lean Six Sigma Certificate and a Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate from Villanova University, a Sustainable Community Development Graduate Certificate from Duke University and is a Certified ScrumMaster and Certified Scrum Product Owner. He is a graduate of George Mason University and has a master's degree in organizational change leadership from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville's School of Business.

Virginia State University is a special place to the Thota family. Kishore's father, Dr. Vykuntapathi Thota, taught at the university for 47 years. Kishore is proud to be continuing his father's legacy of service to the Land of Troy and the University that sits high above the Appomattox. Thota was appointed to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors starting July 1, 2023.