

Lowell L. Kalapa
President - Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Position: Executive Director and President since 1979

Education: Punahou School
Northwestern University, BS and MSJ (Medill School of Journalism.)

Community Service:

Current: Hale Pauahi Housing Corporation - President
Pualani Manor Nonprofit Housing Corporation - President
Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii - Board Member
Ikaika Ohana - President

Child Welfare League of America - Board Member
Family Programs of Hawaii - Board Member and Vice-Chair
Hui Hanai - President
Parents and Children Together (PACT) - Board Member and Treasurer
Henry & Dorothy Castle Memorial Fund - Member, Advisory Council

Project Safe Neighborhoods - Task Force Member
Weed & Seed - Member, Steering Committee
Friends of Drug Court - Chair

Business Pathway (DOE) Advisory Board - Member, Chair
Community Entrepreneurs – Chair
Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund – Advisory Board Member
Northwestern University Alumni Admissions Council - Regional Director
Investment Committee, Kawaiaha'o Church - Member

Past: Advisory Council of Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center - Member, Past Chair
Aloha Society of Association Executives (ASAE) - Past Board Member & President
Aloha United Way - Community Building Council Volunteer
American Red Cross - Hawaii Chapter - Board Member
Bishop Museum Association - Council Member, Past President
The Casey Family Program Community Resource Council - Member and Past Chair
College Connections - Board Member
Family Peace Center - Board Member
Friends of Foster Kids - Board Member, Assistant Treasurer
Good Beginnings Alliance - Secretary and Board member
Hale Kipa - Past President; Board Member
Historic Ewa - Board Member, Treasurer
Honolulu Civic Entrepreneur Initiative - a project of the Pew Charitable Trust
Hoolaulima Committee - an initiative to encourage collaboration - Chair
The Journal of Community Building & Development - Member of the editorial board
Main Street - Member Statewide Committee, Hilo Partner
Punahou Alumni Association - Board Member, Past President, Treasurer
The Finance Project - a Carnegie Foundation initiative aimed at finding a solution
to financing a universal system of early childhood education and care

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Professional Associations:

Current: Sales Tax Committee of the National Tax Association - Tax Institute of America
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization - Member

Past: Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii - Member Tax and Government Affairs Committees
Governmental Research Association - Trustee
Hawaii State Council on Revenues – Member, Past Chair
Hawaii Visitors Bureau - Research Committee Member
National Taxpayers Conference
Oahu Development Conference - Member Transportation Committee
Western States Taxpayers Conference - Member

Weekly Column: Maui News, the Garden Island, the West Hawaii Today, and the Hawaii Reporter

Board Governance and Strategic Planning:

Among the many other educational activities undertaken by Mr. Kalapa, he has assisted numerous nonprofit organizations in understanding the roles and responsibilities of board members of those organizations and where the line begins and ends insofar as oversight and governance of those organizations. Unlike corporate boards, members of nonprofit organizations must remember that they are not responsible to stockholders/investors, but to the community at large. Often volunteers on nonprofit governing boards misunderstand their roles and lack the broader picture of what they are accountable for and to whom they remain accountable.

An advocate of community building, Mr. Kalapa has provided leadership and guidance to numerous community groups and nonprofit organizations in the area of board governance, fiduciary responsibility, and strategic planning. Of particular interest to Mr. Kalapa have been the challenges that face the Hawaiian community and he has facilitated board training and strategic planning for agencies such as Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, the Native Hawaiian Educational Council, Papa Ola Lokahi, and the Board of Trustees of Kawaiaha'o Church. He has given guidance to many of the member agencies of Aloha United Way as part of the Community Building Evaluation Committee and in his advisory capacity on the Steering Committee of the Weed & Seed Initiative.

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