

# Jaclyn K. Kaina

Experience Community Leader in economic development.

I believe in transformational and servant leadership. Gain shared understanding, build mutual trust, create a clear vision, hire people that love the work, get my team the resources they need, and watch the organization thrive.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Kaua'i Economic Development Board**

*Executive Director*, 2022 - Present

Responsible for the day-to-day operations, including implementing policies, managing staff, and executing the organization's strategic plan. Ensures fiscal health and sustainability by securing resources from public and private sectors. Jackie is the face of the organization, engaging with stakeholders, donors, and the community.

*Director of Programs and Business Development*, 2019 - 2022

Key driver of organizational growth and innovation, with a focus on developing and implementing strategic plans to expand business and seize new opportunities as outlined in the 2022-2026 Kaua'i Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan. Successfully marketed and promoted projects, ensuring their completion and sustainability. Secured essential resources by crafting persuasive applications and proposals for local, state, and federal RFPs and RFAs. Built meaningful partnerships that enhanced program impact and organizational growth. Led project management, aligning efforts with organizational goals and stakeholder needs, while fostering an inclusive, innovative team environment.

*Program Manager, Kaua'i Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic (CEDS) Plan*, 2015 - 2019

Led diverse initiatives across multiple sectors to foster sustainable economic growth and community well-being. Successfully implemented and oversaw the 2016 - 2021 Kaua'i Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which included meticulous planning and proactive leadership across infrastructure development, tourism enhancement, and local business support projects. Cultivated robust stakeholder partnerships to align communal goals with economic priorities, ensuring strategic visions translated into measurable outcomes. Committed to leveraging innovative solutions and community engagement, I excel in dynamic environments, managing project lifecycles from conceptualization to completion while adhering to budgets and timelines.

## **EDUCATION**

MA Organizational Leadership (2023 In-progress)

University of Massachusetts

Global Online Campus

BBA Accounting (2022)

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

Honolulu, Hawaii

AA Business Administration (1998)

Kapi'olani Community College

Honolulu, Hawai'i

## **LEADERSHIP**

2024 Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, Pending Appointment

2022 - Present, Economic Development Alliance Hawai'i, Director

2022 – September 2024 , Ho'ike Kauai Community Television, Board Treasurer

2019 - Present, Hawaii Workforce Development Board - Director

2019 – Present, Kauai Workforce Development Board – Mayor Appointed

2020 – Present, Kauai Economic Recovery Strategy Executive Team, Agriculture Committee Chair – Mayor Appointed (Mayor Derek Kawakami)

2019 – Present, Kawaikini NCPCS – Board Treasurer

2019 – Present, Friends of Kauai Community College, Community Advisor

2016 – 2018, Mayor's Agriculture Advisory Committee, Mayor Appointed (Mayor Bernard Carvalho)