
General Information

All County Board and Commission members must be residents of Los Alamos County.

Once a resident fills out and submits this application, an interview is scheduled with the B&C's County Council liaison, the relevant staff liaison, and the B&C Chair. After the interviews, the applicants' names are presented to the full Council during a regularly scheduled Council meeting, where a vote is taken regarding the appointment of each applicant. Each applicant will be notified if they are appointed or not.

Only on-line applications will be considered.

If you are interested in applying for the Board of Public Utilities, please contact Jamie Kephart at 505-662-8132.

If you are interested in applying for Labor Relations Board, please contact Denise Cassel at 505-662-8047.

Profile

Board and Commission Application

Note: Please be aware that as a public entity, the County of Los Alamos, is obligated to furnish this information to the public if requested. Note also that current LANL employees, if appointed to a Board or Commission, may be required by LANL to complete a 701 form.

James

First Name

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Middle Initial

Robinson

Last Name

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt
State

[Redacted]

City

[Redacted]

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

☒ Republican

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Current Board Member

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Environmental Sustainability Board

If yes, which one? (Los Alamos County law prohibits residents from serving concurrently on more than one County board except as expressly approved in writing by the County Council before the appointment is made.)

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Environmental Sustainability: Reapplying

Why would you like to serve on this particular Board or Commission?

I would like to continue serving on the Environmental Sustainability Board because there is so much more to do. After helping with the Brush and Bulk item collection, which will help us capture more brush, we are working towards keeping more food out of our waste stream. These two efforts can reduce the amount of waste in Los Alamos, and save money from the transport of that waste off the hill. In addition, I would like to continue to help Los Alamos become a bear safe community, and the ESB is a perfect conduit to help bring bear education to Los Alamos. Finally, I would like to start working with the Utilities Board to start working on a plan to harvest rain water that would generally be list in our parking lots or retention ponds.

What volunteer or professional activities have you participated in that could apply to this appointment?

Beyond currently serving on the ESB, I am the current chairman of the board of Land of Enchantment Wildlife Foundation. Among my responsibilities are community outreach, fundraising, and maintaining our foundation's on-line presence. These duties all support the foundation's mission of helping those individuals and organizations that take their own time to care for injured wildlife. Using my connections with the ESB and LEWF, I was able to work with the Pajarito Environmental Education Center to host New Mexico's first Bear Festival.

The time involved may be 10-15 hours per month or more. Are you able to serve the volunteer hours and attend training needed to perform your duties as an appointee?

Yup, I am more than able to serve.

What would you like to accomplish during your tenure on this Board or Commission? (Please identify any special interests you have that led you to become interested in serving on this Board or Commission.)

My main goal I would like to accomplish during my tenure on the board is investigating and implementing a rain harvesting program at the county and citizen level. To me, with an average of 18 inches of rainfall a year, the county could capture large amounts of water (almost 20,000 gallons) that can be used for other means than flowing out into a canyon or retention pond to evaporate. In addition, I would like to continue to look for ways for Los Alamos to become a more bear friendly community.

Have you had any direct or indirect involvement with this Board or Commission or with the County staff supporting this Board or Commission or County Councilors? If so, please explain.

I am currently a member on this board. In addition, I have recently collaborated with several county councilors on the Bear Festival and the Recreation Bond.

Are there any issue or matters, financial or otherwise, that you are now or might become involved in that may come before the Board or Commission for which you seek appointment?

As this moment, I am not aware of any issues or matters that can come up at the time of this re-appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Carlsten at 505-662-8261 or libby.carlsten@lacnm.us



LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

JAMES R. RICHMOND

JOHN BLISS

Applicant's Name

ESB

Board or Commission

JOHN BLISS

Interviewer Name

20 JUNE 1300

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☒ Personally

☐ Telephone

NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL: Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <p>+ Task force Council address future problems, water w/ Board on Bears, etc.</p> <p>- Pull teeth to get public comment.</p> <p>water on bear on</p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>- Bush and Bulb recommendations</p> <p>- Defined environmental sustainability</p> <p>+ Bear information and actions</p> <p>- waste audits</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>- Helping the county with future inner waste division / water</p> <p>- Broadband community solar grids - more efficient</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>- Our board is advising citizens instead to the Council.</p> <p>- we recommend and decisions made by elected officials</p> <p>- avoid like to break out of solid waste</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p><i>I think that attendance of council leaves much to be improved the communication.</i> <i>- would not change much.</i></p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p><i>- Training on governance and email to ediate</i> <i>- maybe a little more training on Robert's Rules of Order.</i> <i>-</i></p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p><i>- Union to other boards important - better connection w/ DPU.</i> <i>- Need to work more w/ DPU.</i></p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on this Board?</p> <p><i>NO. Not at all.</i></p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p><i>NO.</i></p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p><i>NO.</i></p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</p> <p><i>Reginal wants to energy plant</i></p>

Notes

Thank the applicant for their feedback on the B&C system, and their willingness to continue serving as a Board or Commission member.



LOS ALAMOS COUNTY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

James Robinson
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Angelica Gunulé
Interviewer Name

June 20, 2017 @ 1:30pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
X Personally
____ Telephone

NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL: Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <p>Tasks given by Council are important and fun to solve future solid waste issues. He has also brought in bear education. Negative not very much public involvement.</p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>Brush and bulk ramp defined Environmental Sustainability for LA. Rate recommendations. Waste audits. Hopefully food next.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>Investigate rain water harvesting, Brooklyn developing community solar grids. Make recommendations about these issues.</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>Citizen conduit to County Council, advisory in nature. An area to improve is to break into energy/water out of solid waste.</p>

5	Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?
	It's helpful that the Council liaison attends the mtgs. The ESB is cohesive and has good communication.
6	Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?
	Training about Quorum and e-mail edict. Possibly offer Robert Rules of Order for motion purposes.
7	What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?
	One-on-one session with Board of Public Utilities. The ESB can help tackle some issues/provide research.
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	No.
9	If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?
	No.
10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel?
	No.
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]
	<u>Recommended</u> Regional Nuclear Waste to Energy

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Attachment B



LOS ALAMOS COUNTY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

JAMES ROBINSON

Applicant's Name

ESB

Board or Commission

PETE SHEEHY

Interviewer Name

6/20/2017

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☒ Personally

☐ Telephone

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1	<p>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <p>TASKS GIVEN BY COUNCIL ADDRESS FUTURE PROBLEMS EG WASTE RATES & TECHNOLOGIES; INCREASED BEAR AWARENESS GOOD GROUP WORKS TOGETHER, BRUSH & BULK WORK WENT WELL, HARD TO GET PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT</p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>BRUSH & BULK RECOMMENDATION DEFINED E.S. FOR LOS ALAMOS OUTREACH, EG BEAR-RESISTANT DUMPSTER RATE RECOMMENDATION WASTE AUDITS</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>GLOBAL CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENT; INVESTIGATE NEW ENERGY SOURCES & WASTE OF RESOURCES, RAINWATER HARVESTING IS ANOTHER CHALLENGE. POSSIBLE COMMUNITY SOLAR GRIDS. BEST TO RE-USE</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>THIS BOARD IS ADVISORY IN NATURE, A CITIZENS' CONDUIT TO COUNCIL. ELECTED REPS MUST MAKE FINAL DECISIONS. WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON MORE (EG UTILITIES) THAN JUST SOLID WASTE.</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p>LIKES COUNCIL LIAISON ATTENDING MOST MEETINGS, OVERALL, CHAIR AND ESB MEMBERS DO COMMUNICATE WELL WITH COUNCIL.</p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p>QUORUM / EMAIL / ETIQUETTE TRAINING WAS GOOD. ROBERT'S RULES SEEM TO WORK WELL.</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>BOARD DOES WELL WITH LIAISONS TO OTHER BOARDS. PERHAPS BOARD-BPU WORKING LUNCH TO DISCUSS COMMON CONCERNS WOULD BE GOOD. MAYBE APP - COULD GET 'WIND' TREE TO COMPLEMENT SOLAR TREE</p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are aware that, as a member of a Los Alamos County Board or Commission, your written communications, including e-mails, are public records (even if produced on your personal computer), and as such are subject to the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act. If any of these public records are requested for review/inspection under the Act you may need to produce them. Is this a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on this Board?</p> <p>NO</p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p>(HAS) NO</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>NO</p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</p> <p>SUSAN BARNES IN LIAISON TO BPU DOES GOOD JOB, I ENCOURAGED FRIENDLY INTERACTION WITH BPU ON COMMON CONCERNS. REGIONAL WASTE & ENERGY FACILITIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.</p>

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