
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.

Thomas

First Name

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Middle Initial

Gerike

Last Name

Street Address

City

Email Address

Primary Phone

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Alternate Phone

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

☒ Republican

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Facebook

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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: Submitted

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

I have spent a lot of my professional career before coming to Los Alamos working in Sustainability. I would like to be able to carry my knowledge and experience into the public sector to help improve the environment for the county. I feel that I can bring the experiences of having completed many sustainability projects to the board.

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

I am currently certified as an United States Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED-AP). This means that I am recognized for my experience and knowledge in sustainability by the national leader in sustainability guidelines. I am also a Certified Energy Manager. I have professional experience in getting buildings LEED certified and Energy Star certified. In my career, I have lead projects that has saved millions of kw-hr of energy.

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?

yes

**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.)**

During my tenure, I would like to accomplish making Los Alamos more green and sustainable by encouraging low/no cost energy efficiency improvements as a first step. Then looking into more renewable energy options. Also, I would like encourage reduction of use as a way to manage solid waste.

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.

No

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?

No

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

Thomas Gerike
Applicant's Name

Environmental Sustainability Board
Board or Commission

James Robinson
Interviewer Name

2/5/18 1:00 PM
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>Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission.</p> <p>- LA about a year - Feb. 22 - new to the area. Illinois. - Engineer Mechanical. 30 years facility engineering. Energy conservation concepts. - Energy saving projects, retrofits and re-commissioning. O&M. Good for existing buildings.</p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>- LAH funding for the county for county sustainability projects, and for board recommendations.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>- advisory board organization for the council. SMEs in the area to help guide the local officials. Area for ideas.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>- Technical expertise (work and education) - Financial information and justification for initiatives (✓) - Persuasion to sell your point and idea.</p>
5	<p>What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve?</p> <p>- Communication (honest, clear, factual) - being responsive, answering questions.</p>

6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure?</p> <p>- No public committees. - Leader of project to get corporate HQ updated to LEED. Worked w/ environmental and outside consultants. Project Management.</p>
7	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p>- Not familiar</p>
8	<p>Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity?</p> <p>- Yes</p>
9	<p>Are you 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 serve on this Board?</p> <p>- No</p>
10	<p>Currently, a few boards or commissions are “live streaming” their meetings (for example, the T-Board, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.) In the future, this may be required of all boards. If you’re applying for one of the boards currently streaming or if it becomes a requirement for all B&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve?</p> <p>- No.</p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>- More clarification of the board.</p>

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LOS ALAMOS COUNTY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

THOMAS GERIKE

Applicant's Name

ESB

Board or Commission

PETE SHEEHY

Interviewer Name

2/5/2018 1 PM

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☒ Personally

☐ Telephone

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1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <u>LANL FOR 1 YEAR, FROM ILLINOIS. MECH. ENGINEER, MUCH IN FACILITY ENGINEERING, A LOT OF ENERGY SAVING PROJECTS (E.G. BUILDING RETROFITS). LEED-CERTIFIED IN O&M.</u>
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.] <u>COUNTY - ISSUE WITH LAB CONTRACT / GRT FUNDING</u> <u>ESB - IF MONEY TIGHT, SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS MIGHT FALL IN PRIORITY.</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>OVERSIGHT & ADVISORY, INPUT TO COUNCIL, (INCLUDING SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS. SOURCE OF IDEAS,</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>TECHNICAL EXPERTISE (WELL QUALIFIED), FINANCIAL LITERACY (A LOT OF PROJECTS HE'S WORKED ON NEEDED THIS). ABILITY TO PERSUADE.</u>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve? <u>HONEST COMMUNICATION. EMPHASIS ON FACT, RESPONSIVENESS.</u>

6	Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure? <i>NO, EXCEPT WORK TEAMS, EG. LEED A.P, FOR PROJECT GETTING BUILDING LEED-CERTIFIED, CONTRIBUTED LEADERSHIP TO THESE PROJECTS</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>NO</i>
8	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? <i>YES</i>
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11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>~ 2 HR MEETING ONCE A MONTH, OCCASIONALLY SPECIAL EVENTS, TOWN IS PRETTY SUPPORTIVE OF E.S. EFFORTS,</i>
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel?

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LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Thomas Gerike

Applicant's Name

ESB

Board or Commission

Angelica Gurulé

Interviewer Name

Feb 5, 2018 @ 1:00pm

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

X Personally

____ Telephone

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1	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission.</p> <p><i>Been in LA for 1yr. From central Illinois. Mechanical engineer by trade specializing in facilities. LEED accredited professional in O&M. Certified energy manager.</i></p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board/commission you applied for? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.]</p> <p><i>If LANL goes private, less money, it will impact sustainability programs.</i></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p><i>Providing advice to County Councillors, being subject matter experts to guide law makers. and Provide ideas.</i></p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p><i>Be able to persuade others</i></p> <p><i>Technical expertise (well qualified)</i></p> <p><i>Be able to provide financial justification for viable ideas</i></p>
5	<p>What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve?</p> <p><i>Honest communication. Clear fact based communication.</i></p> <p><i>Be responsive.</i></p>

6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&Cs – but also church groups, non-profit boards, school committees, etc.) within the last five years? What do you think was your greatest contribution during your tenure?</p> <p><i>No, except work team. Led effort to achieve LEED cert of building. Leadership</i></p>
7	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p><i>No.</i></p>
8	<p>Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity?</p> <p><i>Yes.</i></p>
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11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p><i>What are ESB expectations? James said the board develops work plan and it's approved by Council. Different subcommittees for SAYT, Wildlife, LAPS.</i></p>

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