
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.

Susan

First Name

Barns

Last Name

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

City

State

[Redacted]

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

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

☒ Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

email

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Environmental Sustainability

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 would like to continue to help Los Alamos residents in their sustainability efforts, preserving our singularly beautiful environment, and saving resources and money. I also really love working with the ESB members and Environmental Services staff with which I have had the pleasure of serving. I have found each of them to be dedicated, incredibly hard-working and laser-focused on improving our environment and our community-- and that inspires me to want to help, too!

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

Previous service on ESB (2 yrs), and extensive volunteering with PEEC. Further back, involvement with environmental and recycling issues since high school; PhD in environmental microbiology, including research on effects of climate change on microbial communities.

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, of course!

**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.)**

I think many/most Los Alamos residents care about the environment, and are willing to work to protect it and live more sustainably. Most residents also want to see their tax dollars used wisely for community services. Helping people reduce waste meets both of those goals, and I would love to continue to help educate residents on waste reduction and other environmental issues. As a Board member, I also look forward to helping Environmental Services staff implement new programs, and provide input to the County from residents on solid waste issues.

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.

ESB member since August, 2016.

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



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Sue Barnes
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

James Robinson
Interviewer Name

5/21/18 10:00
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>⊕ ESB and EnvSer has an impact on the community incl. policy, education, interface w/ community. Interaction w/ county staff and other board members.</p> <p>⊖ Things change slow. Excluded from sustainability decisions w/ other Boards.</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 program. Want to help w/ the implementation.</p> <p>- Education about env. and sus issues unique to the ESB.</p> <p>- Keep on top of the plan. - Editing skulls</p> <p>- Public schools outreach. - ^{sub committee} Zero waste - interface w/ utilities</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>- Budget Balanced. Reduce waste produced. Solid waste. Increasing conservation overall. Increasing diversion. Help people get a conservation mindset for the future. Seeing that those are important too.</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>- General role is to interface w/ county gov and citizens. Board members should become knowledgeable. We help implement initiatives w/ the county.</p> <p>- More input from the public and not from social media. Other ways to get public input.</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>- Board and council is fantastic w/ an active council liaison. Having one show up is <u>huge</u>. We need the bigger picture.</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>- One training. COI - and read the beginning materials.</p> <p>- Not sure about additional training. Maybe more Roberts Rules.</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>- Glad to be asked diff Glad to have feedback on how the board is doing and how personally is doing.</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. Would be nice to have a county email address to from the County.</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>- No. Like watching us on T.V.</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>

Notes

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



County Manager's Office
**BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM**

SUE BARNES

Applicant's Name

ESB

Board or Commission

PETE SHEEHY

Interviewer Name

5/24/2018

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>POSITIVE: ESB EES HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON COMMUNITY EDUCATION, FORM POLICY, COLLECT CITIZEN INFO; GOOD INTERACTIONS W/ STAFF & BOARD</p> <p>NEGATIVE: IMPATIENT ABOUT CHANGE. INFORMATION TAKES TIME TO GET OUT; WE SHOULDN'T RUSH THINGS, WOULD LIKE MORE WORK WITH DPH.</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 ROLL-CARTS IMPLEMENTED, EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY GOOD (BOARD DOES A LOT OF OUTREACH), ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN UPDATE, GOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL INTERACTION.</p> <p>CONTRIBUTED TO INTERFACE WITH BPH, ZERO-WASTE SUBCOMTE HAS MADE PROGRESS, HELPED EDIT WORK PLANS</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>BALANCE BUDGET, BY REDUCING OVERALL AMOUNT OF SOLID WASTE, INCREASING CONSERVATION & DIVERSION. HELP DEVELOP CONSERVATION MINDSET, MAJORITY OF TOWN AGREES, NEED BOARD'S HELP.</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>BOARDS ARE INTERFACE BETWEEN CITIZENS & GOVT. BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD BECOME EDUCATED ABOUT ISSUES TO EDUCATE CITIZENS, WOULD LIKE MORE DIRECT INPUT FROM PUBLIC - NOT THROUGH 'SOCIAL MEDIA / FACEBOOK'. E-MAILS ARE BETTER THOUGHT OUT THAN 'PILING-ON' FACEBOOK THREADS. A LOT OF INPUT AT PUBLIC EVENTS. QUALITY OF INPUT ON 'OPEN FORUM' IS GOOD, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE.</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? LIAISON IS IMPORTANT; COUNCIL IS SUPPORTIVE; COUNCIL LIAISON NEEDS TO SHOW UP AT MOST MEETINGS.
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? ONE CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRAINING & READ MANUAL PROVIDED. OTHERWISE CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING. MAYBE ROBERT'S RULES TRAINING, BUT SOME INFORMALITY IS GOOD FOR DISCUSSION.
7	What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far? ONGOING-GET FEEDBACK FROM STAFF, BOARD & COUNCIL LIAISON ON HOW INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER IS DOING.
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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, LIKES IT.
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.] WHAT WOULD YOU SPEND MONEY ON? EDUCATION OF RESIDENTS. FOOD CAN HELP MEETINGS. 'REFUSE, REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE' SERIES OF ARTICLES IN PAPERS STARTING WILL BE USEFUL. 'ZERO-WASTE WEDNESDAYS' MONTHLY ARTICLES COMING.

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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Susan Barnes
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Angelica Jimenez
Interviewer Name

May 24, 2018 @ 10am
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>Pos - The ESB + Env Svcs together has positive effect on community. ESB has very imp't role to play - informing, educating, forming policy. Thrilled to work w/ positive, focused + like minded people.</p> <p>Neg - Things don't change fast enough. Probably ok because community doesn't get information quickly. Things take time to research.</p> <p><i>Handwritten note:</i> Neg! ESB excluded from water + energy topics.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yard Trimming Program - wants to help w/ implementation. - Liaison w/ BPU- All the education + outreach in community.- Keeping on top of Environmental Sustainability - Helped form the Zero Waste Subcommittee- Partnership w/ LAPS on sustainability board.
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>1. Keep budget balanced - reduce waste that is produced. Increasing conservation overall is important. There are many ppl in town who think that too. Our board can help guide them on how to be less wasteful.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ESB serves as representative of community.• ESB helps form policy, makes initiatives, helps implement initiatives.• Wants more input from public + not from FB or social media platforms. <p>it is not productive. Wants to engage public in other ways.</p> <p><i>Handwritten note:</i> In email ppl seem to provide more comprehensive reply.</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?	Board + Communication with Council is great since we have Pete Shockey. Having a Council liaison show up for most mtgs is important. Need to know what's going on @ Council level, bigger picture is imp.
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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One training on conflict of interest Rec'd info on B+C roles + responsibilities guidelines. No other training req'd. Our board works well together.
7	What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?	On an ongoing basis would like feedback on how the ESB is doing and how she is doing as a member. Pete said she is giving good feedback and she does a lot of good + useful work. From Council.
8	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>No.</p> <p>Is it possible for B+C members to have county email?</p>
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. Likes having access to watch mtgs.
10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel?	Not really.
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]	

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