
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.

Whitney

First Name

Spivey

Middle Initial

Last Name

Street Address

City

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Suite or Apt
State

Postal Code

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

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?☒ Yes ☐ No

Leadership Los Alamos

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?

Library: Submitted

Parks and Recreation: Submitted

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

LIBRARY: Our library is such a valuable resource to Los Alamos residents. The book selection is amazing, but it offers so much more than books! As a freelance writer, it is really the only quiet place in town with free internet. As a new mom, it has programs for young kids. As a movie enthusiast, its DVD collection rivals Film Festival and Red Box. I want to give back to the organization that has given so much to me and my family. I feel like I have a good understanding of the library as a patron, and now I would like to learn more as a board member. PARKS & REC: The reason I live in Los Alamos is because of the access to the outdoors and the incredible recreation opportunities. By serving on the Parks & Rec board, I can help make sure these assets are available and in great shape for years to come. I can serve as a liaison between residents and the County Council and help maintain open communication between the two.

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

I completed Leadership Los Alamos in 2017, during which I learned about County boards and how they operate. In the past, I have also served on the Los Alamos Co-op Market board.

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.)

I had twin daughters in March 2017 and am finally to the point where I feel like I have the time to give back to our community. LIBRARY: I am a big fan of our library and I thought serving on the library board would be a great way to support an organization I feel is very important. I hope to develop an understanding of how the library works and help publicize and promote the library to the general public (especially when the library is closed this fall). PARKS & REC: I use our trails and recreation facilities daily, and I appreciate living in a community that's both active and respectful of the environment. As a member of the Parks & Rec board, I want to encourage both of these things (an active community and a healthy environment that we can all get out and enjoy).

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?

LIBRARY: This fall, I am self-publishing a children's book about Los Alamos. I am hopeful that the library will carry it so that kids in the community can read it and learn about our amazing town.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or barbara.lai@lacnm.us



LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Whitney Spivey
Applicant's Name

Library Board
Board or Commission

John Baker
Interviewer Name

7:15
~~6:00~~ 10/18/18
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	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. 2010 in Los Alamos BS History Masters in Journalism, Outside Magazine in Santa Fe, then Putting down roots, want to make this the best place Leadership Los Alamos 2017 Grad - Library is important
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.] Economic Development and Tourism - what direction to go, but how? Positive feedback - doing a great job
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Made up w/ residents - consider issues/topics and advise council - bring greater public feedback
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Time to Commit, Great communication, professional, Confidential She possesses all
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? getting to know everyone 1:1 time w/ staff, dropping by, learn to appreciate

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>Coop Board for 5 years. Small Businesses Support. She brought Journalism skill set, writing letters to members -</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>no, but knows it exist. drafting/ editing.</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>
9	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? <i>not a problem.</i>
10	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>Library Board sounds like a great fit. nice Balance to her life</i>
11	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>great questions</i>

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*LA Leadership graduate
Published Author*



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BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Whitney Spivey
Applicant's Name

Library Board
Board or Commission

Eileen Sullivan
Interviewer Name

10/18/18 7:15pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☒ Personally
☐ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>In LA since 2010. Undergrad in history. MA journalism Mo. Putting down roots, will stay here. Huge fan of library & reading. Lib important resource for community. opportunity to be more involved.</i>
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.] <i>Economic Development & Tourism - what direction to go. Only 7 things about board.</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>Made up of residents & advise county council. opinion views of greater public. help promote.</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>Time to commit to be on board. Good communication. willing to discuss difficult or controversial things. Confidentiality as appropriate. Can do more.</i>
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? <i>Getting to know everyone. Spend some one-on-one time. What each person brings to library.</i>

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>Coop board. Advocate of small businesses. journalism background - news letters. letters to members + editing.</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>No. Know there is one.</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>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p> <p>Interested in many boards - but like good fit. Good balance.</p>
11	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Whitney Spivey
Applicant's Name

Library
Board or Commission

Susan O'Leary
Interviewer Name

10/19 7:25
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☐ Personally
☐ Telephone

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#	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><i>Resident since 2010</i> <i>UVA undergrad in History</i> <i>U. of Missouri - Master in Journalism</i> <i>Worked for Outside Magazine</i></p> <p><i>- Loves Los Alamos</i> <i>- Mother of 2 young girls (twins)</i> <i>- Huge fan of library, reading, education programs, role of library as community destination</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>Economic Development & Tourism - so much potential but hard to make it happen. Renovation of library must be a challenge</i></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p><i>Bds are made up of residents whose job is to advise CC; consider & represent views of citizens</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>- Time to commit to Board</i> <i>- Good communication skills</i> <i>- Being willing to discuss hard subjects in professional manner</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>Spending time getting to know everyone; spend time learn about roles & responsibilities</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>• Coop Board for several years ; did newsletters, letters to members • Big advocate of small businesses</p>
7	<p>Are you <u>familiar</u> with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p>yes ; not specifically</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><i>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</i></p> <p>Library Board good fit for her w/ little kids at home</p>
11	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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