
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.

Dina

First Name

Pesenson

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Los Alamos

City

NM

State

87544

Postal Code

Email Address

Home:

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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

☒ Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

renewing my position

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?

Parks and Recreation: Submitted

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

I have been on this board for one appointment which just allowed me to become familiar with the process and more effective. I would like to continue my appointment as I will be a more productive member with my current board experience.

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

I'm a volunteer coach for a kids group from a local non-profit (Southwest Nordic Ski Club) and we utilize county parks, recreation facilities and trails on a weekly basis for our group's practices and training.

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.)

As the county finds out the final decision regarding GRT from new lab contractor and adjusts it's CIP projects accordingly I would like to help with the public process of sharing information between interested community and the council. I feel my last two years on the Parks and Rec board enable me to be a much more effective and active member of the board and to better understand and respond to community information shared with us as a board.

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 have been on the Parks and Rec board for the past 1.5 years (a two year appointment but confirmed in spring).

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 Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or barbara.lai@lacnm.us

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

Pesensen, Dina
Applicant's Name

PRB
Board or Commission

PETE SHEEHY
Interviewer Name

11/15/18 3:00 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>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>CAN GET INFORMATION FROM AND TO COMMUNITY EFFECTIVELY. WHEN STARTED, IT TOOK A LONG TIME TO COME UP TO SPEED.</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>I HELPED DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON REC BOND ISSUE. BOARD HELPED WITH FLOW TRAIL DISCUSSION/RESOLUTION; AS A RESULT, THINK BOARD WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE ON FUTURE ISSUES.</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>A LOT OF BOARD MEMBERS UNCLEAR ABOUT BOARD VS STAFF ROLES - NEEDS TO CLARIFIED, THIS IS BEING WORKED,</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>APPRECIATE WORK OF VOLUNTEERS MORE (NEEDS TO BE ADVERTISED). ISSUES SHOULD BE BETTER ADVERTISED EVEN BEFORE BOARD MEETINGS. BOARD OPERATIONS NEED TO BE BETTER ADVERTISED, AND HOW PUBLIC INPUT SHOULD BE MADE TO BOARDS, etc.</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? COUNCIL LIAISON SHOULD COME TO MEETINGS OF BOARD, COMMUNICATION WITH COUNCIL LESS CONCERN THAN DEFINITION OF BOARD VS. STAFF ROLES.
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? ONLY COUNTY ATTORNEY TRAINING, HAD MEDIATION TRAINING EARLIER THAT WAS USEFUL.
7	What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far? THE PUBLIC NEEDS A BETTER DESCRIPTION OF HOW TO BRING ISSUES TO BOARD. THIS WOULD AVOID INITIAL DISAPPOINTMENT WHEN PUBLIC PRESENTS ISSUES AND BOARD CAN'T INITIALLY RESPOND. (PERHAPS WRITTEN HANDOUT AVAILABLE AT ALL MEETINGS.
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? 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? SHE FEELS SECOND TERM IS IMPORTANT, BECAUSE HOPING TO FINISH INTERVIEWS THIS MONTH, AND GET COUNCIL APPROVED IN DECEMBER. PLEASE COME IN DECEMBER.
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]

Notes

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

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Pesensen, Dina
Applicant's Name

PRB
Board or Commission

Stephanie Nakhleh
Interviewer Name

11/15/18 3:00 PM
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>+ Able to get info to & from community - Takes a while to get used to how board works = Now up to speed</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>Did good job disseminating info about Rec Bond to many user groups. Board helpful on FT discussions which will help in future.</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.] A lot of people on Board are unclear on line between staff & Board duties.</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>Appreciate work of volunteers more. People shouldn't find out how B&C works before hand.</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? <i>Having liaison attend is helpful.</i> <i>P The issue is more with staff than with Council - as stated earlier - unclear what line is between staff & board.</i>
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? <i>Just the ethics meeting.</i> <i>L</i>
7	What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far? <i>S Providing info to public on how boards work in general.</i> <i>Not being able to have your complaints answered is like a slap in the face. How does public get resolution?</i>
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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? <i>L No</i>
10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel? <i>S No - just a comment - second term will be more effective.</i>
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.] <i>P</i>

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Desensen, Dina
Applicant's Name

PRB
Board or Commission

Linda Lindstrom
Interviewer Name

11/15/18 3:00pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
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☐ Telephone

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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><i>Before Bond issue - addressing concerns w/ personal & professional community</i> <i>Board helpful w/ flow chart discussion</i></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><i>[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.]</i></p> <p><i>vague area between staff roles & Board is supposed to do - need clarification. work with staff & Board</i></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><i>Appreciate volunteers more. Applying to Board & how it works documentation.</i> <i>→ let Public understand the process</i></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? <i>More availability with current liaison over past. No concerns w/ communicating w/ Council</i>
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? <i>Yes - Ethics training. Not sure moving forward.</i>
7	What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far? <i>Basic information to the public & how to bring information in layman's terms address at the beginning & a hand out (better defined) rules</i>
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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? <i>NO</i>
10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel? <i>NOPE Reapplying for second term due to experience gained.</i>
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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