
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.

Amanda

First Name

J

Middle Initial

Macdonald

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) *

☒ Independent

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 feel strongly about protecting the environment.

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

None, I am hoping to gain experience in this field by being a part of this 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'm really interested in preventing the generation of 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, not that I know of.

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



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

AMANDA MACDONALD
Applicant's Name

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
Board or Commission

PETE SHEEHY
Interviewer Name

1/18/2019
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. <u>LA SINCE 1998, LOVE IT, UNM-LA B.S, PSYCHOLOGY/MINOR BIOLOGY. PASSIONATE ABOUT RECYCLING. VOLUNTEER, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. AS VOLUNTEER AT HOSPITAL, ER, RECYCLING STARTED; WORKED BRIEFLY AT NM CONSORTIUM, ENCOURAGED RECYCLING THERE.</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>LOSS OF CHINA TAKING RECYCLING IS A BIG ISSUE - HOW DO WE COMPENSATE? ZERO WASTE & MORE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES WILL HELP. WILL LANDFILLS & RECYCLERS GET LESS LIKELY TO TAKE</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>NEEDED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS. SOME CITIZENS NEED EDUCATION ABOUT WHAT GOVERNMENT DOES, AS WELL AS COUNCIL NEEDS CITIZEN INPUT</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION - TALK AS WELL AS LISTENING PEOPLE SKILLS - I'M A PEOPLE PERSON.</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>COMMUNICATE IN AN EASY-GOING WAY. BE OPEN-MINDED, LEARN WHAT STAFF HAS TO TEACH.</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>STARTED WORKING WITH ZERO-WASTE SUB-GROUP.</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>NO, WILLING TO LEARN</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, WOULD LOVE TO.</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>NO</i>
10	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? <i>NO</i>
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>INTERESTED IN TEACHING ZERO-WASTE ISSUES? YES (AT BARRANCA, WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP GET RECYCLING GOING). AT AWANA (FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH) DINNER, COULD GET SMALL BIN STARTED. LABELING TO HELP RECYCLE CHOICES WOULD HELP. THUR 530-7300K? YES,</i>
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>MORE TIME NEEDED? SUMMERTIME OUTREACH EVENTS. OPTIONAL RESEARCH/PRESENTATIONS CAN BE DONE, SOME SUBCOMMITTEES, EG PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON TEAM, ZERO WASTE, SAVE AS YOU THROW TEAMS,</i>

Notes: *I EXPLAINED BOARD MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS,*



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Amanda MacDonald ESB
 Applicant's Name Board or Commission
Sue Barnes 11/12/2019
 Interviewer Name 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. in LA since 1998, BS in Psych + Bio Minor @ UNMLA. Biology Background. Passionate re. recycling + environment. Personally taught. Volunteer in LA incorporating sustainability. Substitute Teacher. ER volunteer. Worked @ NM Consortium - brought in dispo. plastics. Stakes initiative to increase recycling!
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.] Loss of recycling market (China Ban). ← Increasing sustainable practices. Loss of landfill space.
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Necessary. Need a liaison between citizens + County govt. Important. Helps citizens understand how much work County govt + staff do, The complexities of keeping the town going.
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Communication, esp. listening (can do both) People skills (I'm a people person)
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? Communication, be helpful, open-minded. Listen to staff, take on other issues besides recycling. (tries hard here)

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>Zero waste team</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 could look it up.</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, would love that.</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>No.</i>
10	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? <i>No.</i>
11	<i>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</i> <i>Schools involvement in recycling. Wants to get recycling bin @ church. Can come to meetings.</i>
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>No.</i>

Notes:

She likes to help!
She cares about recycling a lot!



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Amanda Macdonald

Applicant's Name

ESB

Board or Commission

Angelica Gurulé

Interviewer Name

1-17-19 @ 2pm

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. • LA since 1998 • Volunteers in LA • currently substitute teacher Passionate about recycling & self taught Bach - UNM Psychology/Biology • Educated peers about lab recycling
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.] The loss of recycling going to China. We've lost a huge option. What are our future options for sustainability for waste disposal.
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? They serve as an intermediary (liaison) between the Council and the community. It's very important.
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Effectively communicating and listening. General people skills. She says she has both skills.
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? Communication. Would be helpful and try to be open-minded about recycling and sustainability issues

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?
	Don't have a lot experience being on the Board or Commission.
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?
	No. I'll look it up.
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?
	Yes. Would like to learn more about all sustainability
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	No.
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	No.
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]
	<p>Do you know we are trying to work with Los Alamos Public Schools to achieve Zero Waste. She wants to try to help recycle @ Barranca Elem.</p>
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel?
	<p>Sue asked if she could regularly attend ESB mtgs. she said yes.</p>

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