

## 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.*

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## Profile

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### 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.

Katherine

First Name

Bruell

Middle Initial

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Los Alamos

City

NM

State

87544

Postal Code

Email Address

Home:

Primary Phone

Home:

Alternate Phone

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

☒ Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?  
currently serving

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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**LTAB, Tourism Workgroup**

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.)

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**Interests & Experiences**

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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**Lodgers' Tax Advisory: Submitted**

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

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I have a strong professional and personal interest in getting more heads in beds in Los Alamos, and find the work of this board to be crucial to that effort. Also, being on the board helps me ensure the Los Alamos Nature Center is integrated into the County's tourism marketing.

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

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I am the director of the Pajarito Environmental Education Center, which operates the Los Alamos Nature Center. I was on the Tourism Strategic Planning group, and I am a member of the Tourism Strategic Plan Implementation group.

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?

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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.)

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I'd like to continue working to improve our tourism offerings and tourism marketing. I'm also very interested in how we collect data from our visitors and what data we collect and track.

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.

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Yes. I am currently on the board.

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?

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No.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or [barbara.lai@lacnm.us](mailto:barbara.lai@lacnm.us)

Katherine Bruell

# LOS ALAMOS

## County Manager's Office

### BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Katie Burrell  
Applicant's Name

LTAB  
Board or Commission

Katie Burrell James Robinson  
Interviewer Name

2/7/19 11AM  
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  |
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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Positive:</u> like to give input into the marketing efforts of the county. Like being able help gear those efforts.</li> <li>- <u>Negative:</u> See things but have no power to move the needle.</li> </ul>   |
| 2 | <p>What has the <u>Board</u> 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"> <li>- A lot of great marketing or influenced marketing of the county. Excited about the new nature initiative. Love the data that is given to the board. Looking @ the different #s. Would love to see this continue.</li> <li>- County as a whole has a pattern of forgetting about the nature center. Now she is there to continue to include.</li> </ul>  |
| 3 | <p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the <u>Board</u> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on actual out of town visitors, and weigh the efforts from those #s.</li> <li>- Mainly seeing if things are sticking.</li> <li>- W/ no Tourism Manager - the LTAB is the back end channel.</li> </ul>   |
| 4 | <p>Now that you've served on this <u>board</u> 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"> <li>- General, the BIC are there to make the county look good. In some sense it is a far accusation. Real work is done by the staff, however, there were times when the board has help guide things.</li> <li>- Taking more control of the reports to see what we actually need to see.</li> </ul> |

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| 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>- Been okay. Liaisons do not typically attend the meetings. It was good when the Council would show up.</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>- Attended the required trainings. ✓</p> <p>- Would be nice to have a training on the <u>roles/responsibilities/powers of the board</u>.</p> <p>- Maybe training from NM Tourism.</p>                      |
| 7  | <p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>- <del>See</del> See above.</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</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>- Yes. Its a deterrent, but will not block her willingness to serve on the board.</p>  |
| 10 | <p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>- Nope.</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> <p>- Nope.</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.

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## County Manager's Office

### BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Katie Bruell  
Applicant's Name

LTAB  
Board or Commission

Linda Deek  
Interviewer Name

2/7/19, 11:10 am  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
☒ Personally  
☐ Telephone

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| # | Question/Documented Response  |
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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><i>Positives -- give input to marketing ctr. is doing. like to steer those. Negative -- when we don't have a way to move the needle.</i></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>Accompl -- lots of great marketing, and we're pivoting somewhat toward nature &amp; outdoor recreation to remind Co. of Nature Center. Her own -- necessity of good metrics making sure we're getting what we need. Raising awareness of necessity of this.</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>[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><i>need to focus on OOT visitation, get hard #s measure our impact. Bd needs to help, make sure "buck stops here" while Co doesn't have Tourism Mgr.</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>Perception B+C there to show "got public input" and now we'll do what we want. Yrs deal w/ done by staff. Take more control over reports to us. Worth a discussion -- what do we really want to see. needs to relate to Heads in Beds.</i></p> |

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| 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><i>Been OK. Usual reasons don't show up. would be great for them to show up more often.</i></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><i>Attended required legal/ethics training. Good to have training on role (Statute training -- Part T, County). Flow chart issues -</i></p>   |
| 7  | <p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p><i>See above!</i></p>   |
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| 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><i>It's a deterrent, and yet she persists!</i></p>  |
| 10 | <p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p><i>Nope.</i></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> <p><i>This is a good.</i></p>  |

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**LOS ALAMOS COUNTY**  
**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**  
**BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**  
**FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM**

**Katherine Bruell**  
Applicant's Name

**LTAB-Attractions Rep (Vice Chair)**  
Board or Commission

**Kelly Stewart, County Staff Liaison** – Unable to participate in interview due to family emergency.

Interview Conducted:

Interviewer Name

Date/Time of Interview

\_\_\_\_\_ Personally

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone

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