
General Information

All County Board and Commission members must be residents of Los Alamos County. Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board members, except the at-large community member, do not need to be residents if they are employed/represent an attraction or hotel.

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.

Renae

First Name

Mitchell

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) *☒ None of the above

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?☒ Yes ☐ No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Email from existing board

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

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

I believe the promotion of literacy and reading skills is a critical step in bettering our community and for the betterment of the lives of this and future generations.

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

I am an adjunct professor of literature at UNM-LA. I have a PhD in Comparative Literature, and I have taught reading and literature for ten years.

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 would like to assist in generating new ideas for library programs and activities for children.

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?

Not that I can think of. Thanks for your consideration.

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

Renee Mitchell
Applicant's Name

Library
Board or Commission

Jenn Baker
Interviewer Name

9/19/19 5:00pm.
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. Comparative literature-literacy-taught Reading/English undergrad working Library - Acquisitions - how they make decisions
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.] County: Digital entertainment. More invasive than TV Promote - Reading in general. Development of children - Library
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Budget - promote more resources to improving library - Reading Programs - promote services - not just reading
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Communication - Being aware of policy - Council - Promoting benefits Bring them to the table
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? She knows a lot of the staff - brings her daughter - utilizes the programs. Meeting in person - walking around hearing concerns & opportunities being present

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><i>Volunteer work - Unitarian Church - RE committee - help w/ pre-K - teaching kids on nature - cultures - planning parties</i></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><i>no</i></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><i>Yes on training - willing</i></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><i>No - no issue w/ emails Public Record</i></p>
10	<p>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?</p> <p><i>No issues</i></p>
11	<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>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p><i>How long -</i></p>

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Ronae Mitchell
Applicant's Name

Library
Board or Commission

Eileen Sullivan
Interviewer Name

9/19/19
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. <i>Phd in comparative literature. Dedicated to literacy + reading. Worked at library as work study in college. In acquisitions.</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>Shares problems w/ other areas, promoting reading. Kids distracted by digital entertainment. Kids handed devices not books. Educ. child dev.</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>Budget. Board can do a lot to promote resources for library, accessibility issues. Policy makers focus library services. Benefits to community library delivery.</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>Communication very important. Keep up with issues of concern to board, being aware of what is happening in policy + government.</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>Has contacts with staff now. Get to know more of them. Moved here 6 years ago. after came to library often. Walking around meeting people in person. What can improve library. Being present.</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><i>Very involved in church, voluntarily on religious education committee, pre-kk. Teaching kids about culture around world, nature, parks, get-togethers.</i></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><i>No.</i></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><i>Absolutely.</i></p>
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10	<p>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?</p> <p><i>No.</i></p>
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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Denae Mitchell

Applicant's Name

Library

Board or Commission

David Izraelentz

Interviewer Name

9/19/19

Date/Time of Interview

5 pm

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>PhD in Comparative Literature. Taught courses on reading & English. Worked at a library as an undergrad. Worked in acquisitions. Moved here 6 years ago.</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>Like many communities, kids distracted by devices. How to promote reading on device, reading in general.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Board could promote more resources to make library more accessible. Library is not just a place for books. Promote to policy makers.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Communication is one of the most important. Keeping up with issues relevant to library. Being aware what is happening in policy & bring those to the board.</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>Getting to know more of the staff. Got to meet staff in prior years. Walk around & meet is best way to meet & get to know them and their issues.</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>Did a lot of volunteer before kids. Very involved in the Unitarian Church, youth education. Love teaching about other cultures.</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>Not familiar.</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>Absolutely. Took application seriously.</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>
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