
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.

Sean

First Name

J

Middle Initial

Williams

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

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Anita Barela asked if I was interested

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?

Planning and Zoning Commission: Submitted

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

I am co-owner and business manager of Automotive Professionals, and in that capacity I would like to be more involved with local governance. I am particularly interested in Planning and Zoning because this is a tricky subject for automotive repair shops, being one of the only (if not the only) business that is classified as light industrial but that serves the general public.

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

I have been an increasingly active member of the small business community, and have been dealing extensively with the county's Economic Development office in the last year as part of our effort to "lay down roots" in the county.

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, as business manager my schedule is reasonably flexible: I can do most of my work at any time, so it's fairly easy for me to plan for fixed obligations.

**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.)**

Honestly, my main goal is to learn more about the inner workings of the county government. That said, I would like to be a representative of the small business community on the board. My dream would be for auto repair to be reclassified as C-2, allowable in C-1 with a Special Use Permit (so that the Board has ample opportunity to judge auto shop plans on a case-by-case basis for, e.g., Trinity frontage).

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've mainly been speaking to Joanie Ahlers in Economic Development about plans to build a permanent home for Automotive Professionals, and she has been speaking to others (including the Land Use Commission) on our behalf.

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?

We may be bringing a Special Use Permit application before the Board in the coming months. Likewise, as said, however our plans for building ownership develop, that will almost certainly come before the Board.

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

SEAN WILLIAMS

Applicant's Name

RANDALL RYTI

Interviewer Name

P+Z

Board or Commission

10/9/2019 5P

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. Computer Science PhD UC Davis. Operate small business. Highly technical background. Also owner of automotive shop. Limited location for M-1 so got to understand rationale & background
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.] Land locked, need to grow to provide businesses another Also need to preserve the natural beauty.
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Most boards are advisory but P+Z does ^{generally} make go recommendations.
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Ongoing knowledge on the subject, e.g. LAL Code. Looking at each project individually. Balancing overall goals.
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? Been working with staff and continue to develop personal relationships.

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>Have not been involved in other committees. Biggest problem for business owners is leasing not owning.</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>Familiar with code as it applies to auto repair and also familiar with some other aspects.</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, very interested part of why applying.</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>Yes aware, yes OK</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>Not a deterrent</p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Sean Williams
Applicant's Name

B & Z
Board or Commission

T Priestley
Interviewer Name

10-9-19 / 5:00pm
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. Computer Science PhD Own Automotive Professionals on DP Road ↳ specific interest in zoning for automotive
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 is land-locked combined w/ LAWE housing ⇒ Need to balance development, preservation + land use
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Responsible development of County
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? - Knowledge of issues + Code - Working Knowledge - County Objectives ⇒ balancing needs
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 people w/ staff

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>None</p> <p>Working w/ County's Economic Development</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>Have done research, specifically as it applies to auto-repair</p> <p>↳ would like more knowledge</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 - very interested</p>
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BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Sean Williams
Applicant's Name

Planning & Zoning
Board or Commission

Ryan Foster
Interviewer Name

10/9/19 5pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
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☐ 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Computer Science PhD / JC Davis- Auto shop, automotive professionals on the road.- technical background, attention to detail, use of power, all business owner.- Auto shop 1/2 way, became more interested.
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- County: landlocked, need to grow, but need space, residential, employment, amenities.- preserving natural beauty of Los Alamos- Commission: see above
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- P+Z does make decisions.- P+Z balance competing interests.
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Knowledge, (some county code for his business)- Review cases, balancing work/life.
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Work w/ zoning, get to know staff.

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>— worked w/ Econ. Dev. w/ county</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>— familiar w/ applying to auto repair, work w/ state regarding property ownership.</p> <p>— would like to be more 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>— yes, would like more knowledge.</p>
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11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>— Biggest issue P+Z?</p>

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