
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.

Alesia

First Name

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Middle Initial

Benson

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) *

☒ Republican

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Research online

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 just moved to Los Alamos/White Rock for a new job at LANL. I am coming from the Asheville, North Carolina area. I am passionate about environmental sustainability and would like to take an active role here in Los Alamos.

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

I was Chair for the City of Hendersonville Environmental Sustainability Board for 3 years. I lead the recycling team for our local non-profit environmental group, MountainTrue. I also lead the environmental sustainability program for my company for 4.5 years allowing us to cut our waste to landfill by over 40% in my first year. I lead my company to being recognized as Green Business of the year in Western North Carolina in 2018. I led the effort for converting Hendersonville's downtown summer event series, Rhythm & Brews, to be zero waste to landfill. I've organized several Earth Day and America Recycles Day events for my community and have spoken at NC Department of Environmental Quality's annual meeting about methods for waste reduction.

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. I would like more info about when meeting are held and where.

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 most interested in waste reduction/diversion. Compost is one of my favorite areas of focus. Also, education about recycling which is so important right now. With my previous board we started a rain barrel program for citizens. That might be of interest for people here as well. I'm interested in helping make Los Alamos community events more sustainable.

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

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

LOS ALAMOS

County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Alesia Benson
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Antonio Magdoire
Interviewer Name

12/29/19 10 AM
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>Education in Environmental Assessment ISA MA</u> <u>Served on ESB in NC (Chair experience)</u> <u>interest/Experience waste reduction/Compost</u> <u>Does Environmentalism currently</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>New to town fresh perspectives</u> <u>Support pollinators Bee City</u> <u>Tree City</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>Advisory</u> <u>Educating public</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>Collaboration / teamwork</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>Communication work w/staff toward common goals</u>

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>Chair 3yrs Environmental Board Children's museum board helped organize events</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>Semi willing to learn more</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</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>not a deterrent</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>No</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> <p>What are we working on? / SAT Composting School sustainability</p>

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Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Lisa Bakosi
Interviewer Name

10:30 Friday
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☒ Personally
☐ Telephone

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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><u>Bach + Masters in Environmental - Career experience w/ enviro stewardship</u> <u>helped w/ waste reduction + compost, chair experience on Board</u> <u>Mtn. Tree (3 years)</u> <u>City on Hendersonville in NC.</u></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><u>Doesn't know. Wants to learn more. Fresh Perspective.</u> <u>Bee City program - pollinators, sustainability. Expanding compost!</u> <u>Bee City / Tree City</u></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p><u>Advisory role / partnership</u> <u>Acting as a voice for public.</u> <u>Educating role.</u></p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p><u>Collaboration + Teamwork</u> <u>Contribute</u> <u>Passionate about common goal</u></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><u>Communication is the big one / sharing information</u> <u>Working together for common goal</u></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>Childrens Museum Board Secretary - worked w/ ESB. Partnership to bring education. She served as a leader- helped organize + structure it. NP volunteer - organized lots of events / volunteers</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 yet but willing to learn - somewhat 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</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, but yes aware</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>NO</p>
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Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Angelica Gurulé
Interviewer Name

12-13-19 @ 10:30am
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☒ Personally
☐ Telephone

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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>Ex. ee USA. She can bring a fresh perspective. B-city program - protect pollinators She wants to expand food composting. Tree city.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>As an advisory role, partnership and educating public and County Councillors.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Collaboration and team work. These that contribute to common goals.</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>communicate and work together for common goal. work w/ staff to accomplish goals.</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>Environmental Boards - Chair *She helped organize as she created bi kids, min, agent Local Children Museum board - partnered w/ board to work w/ Env Board. *Organize events - Secretary</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>Yes, she is willing to learn more.</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.</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>What goals are you working on? Past - SAYT research subcommittee. Current - focused on food composting. Sustainability in the schools</p>

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