
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.

Valerie

First Name

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Middle Initial

Shelley

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?

friend

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 am committed to working with others to preserve the unique and beautiful environment of Los Alamos County for future generations.

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

1. Electrical engineer for Los Alamos National Laboratory, Weapons Division: experience evaluating safety and effluent regulations, particularly as they apply to manufacturing waste; also experience in implementing waste stream management protocols for hazardous wastes 2. Electrical engineer for Tucson Electric Power Company: experience in evaluating best methods for power generation and in assessing environmental impacts of such 3. Homeowner experienced with various types of xeri-scaping and drip system watering; also experienced in the use of solar panels for water heating; experienced in small scale vegetable, fruit and nut production

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. Because I am retired this is a commitment I am willing and able to fulfill.

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 became aware of a lack of solid data and information being readily available to guide ESB decisions -- a problem which could be remedied if someone experienced in research and manufacturing were available to do the work needed to obtain and assess the information. I have the skills needed to aid the ESB in its evaluations. Frequently, something that is described as a "no-brainer" is anything but! It is wise to be thorough and forthright before making decisions which impact our environment and our economic livelihoods. I would like to accomplish a standard of research and a methodology for gaining the best understanding of an idea being deliberated, so our advice to Council can be well-grounded in the best knowledge to date for a particular question.

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 became aware that important aspects related to the "no-brainer" idea of banning plastic bags, plastic straws, and Styrofoam were not being discussed. I believe one reason this idea was brought forward again (after having been investigated and rejected just 4 years ago) was that the reasons for not accepting the ban in 2015 were not effectively noted or explained. Because there was not a solid case made for rejecting the ban in 2015 we are back to investigating it all again. I do not mean to imply there is never a good reason to bring an issue back again for new review. Rather, the reasons I have read in the newspapers for bringing the bag ban issue back for review are the same as the reasons brought forth the first time in 2015. My conclusion is that the original reasons for not accepting the ban were not clearly addressed in a memorandum to Council in 2015.

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

Valerie Shelley
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Lisa
Interviewer Name

8/5 11:15am
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. <i>Rehnd</i> Sub-Masters Electrical Engineering, Experience w/ waste stream mgmt., optimizing what we need, worked in energy trade off, Home owner, Gardener, Awareness of environment.
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.] Challenges for families (as a productive resource), housing, help enviro w/ less impact to families.
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Groups Groups serve as legwork for Councilors do all benef.
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Work together as a team from a helpful place - benefit of the doubt given. Be polite
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? Responsiveness, attendance, stay neutral communicate

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>Public service through church, leader, camp director President leading young women</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 at all</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>

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Valerie Shelley

Applicant's Name

ESB

Board or Commission

ANTONIO MAGGIORE

Interviewer Name

8/5/11 11:20

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>Retired from lab, masters in Electrical Engineering - Experience in Waste Stream Management. Worked in Tucson Electric Power doing forecasting & Energy analysis - Lifelong gardener</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>LA is best place she has ever lived, but can be a challenging place for families, and they are best resource for the community. Important to be inclusive and mindful of families and improving what we can to improve</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>board does leg work to help advise Council Council has too much to handle Board to help</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>Communicate w/ the idea that we are all on the same team. Listening.</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>be responsive to emails, share info w/ all attend meetings, communicate</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>Public Service through her church Women's groups and Counselor for camps. President of Young Women's Association.</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Not at all</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</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>Not Aware</i> <i>Not a deterrent fully supports</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>Not a deterrent</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>
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>Asked Lisa what her experience has been like on council ESB</i>

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Valerie Shelley
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Angelica Grunle
Interviewer Name

8-5-19 @ 11:15am
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
X 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. Masters in electrical engineering. worked at LANL, experience in waste stream mgmt. Tucson electric power - forecasting dept - planned for rate of increase in need. Gardened extensively.
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.] Los Alamos greatest town she has ever lived. LA can be challenging to families, (esp housing, helpful to LANL as a resource). ESB- Implement things that can help LA, but not overly harm families.
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? B+C's serve as advisors to County Council. They research the topics brought forward to Council.
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Try to communicate effectively, we are all working together to achieve the best possible outcome.
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? Be responsive to email, attend meetings, share & communicate openly to all ESB members.

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>Most of public service is through church. Camp director for teenage girls. President for Young women's association.</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 at all.</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. She would seek and appreciate.</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>She wasn't aware, but it's 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> <p>Angelica asked if she had a preference to serve on TAPU board or ESB. She said she would be open to either board.</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>She asked what we've learned from serving on ESB Lisa said she's learned how to be navigate and to make a change for the better. (Shelley wants to give back to community gave kudos about play lots, demo gardens, medicans).</p>

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