
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.

Linda

First Name

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Middle Initial

Deck

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) *

☒ Independent

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

From LTAB liaison

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.)

Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Lodgers' Tax Advisory: Submitted

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

As I stated in my October, 2016 application to LTAB, this board deals with issues of particular importance to the Bradbury Science Museum, e.g. quality of visitor experience in Los Alamos county, promotion of the county and environs, coordination of efforts of those who rely on excellent visitor experience. It is a highly functioning board, and progress is being made on several important, emerging issues. I'd like to continue this work.

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

I served on LTAB from October 30, 2007 to December, 2012, and now since September, 2015. I've served on the Arts in Public Places Board, Historic Sculptures subcommittee, and was a founding member of the Creative District Advisory Committee during its tenure. I've been the director of the Bradbury Science Museum, one of the premier Los Alamos visitor attractions, for twelve years. I am a graduate of Leadership Los Alamos, Class of 2008.

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.)**

In addition to being an advocate for all cultural amenities in Los Alamos, I have deep ties to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park and hope to leverage its presence for Los Alamos and our visitors. I would like to help define, facilitate, and promote high standards in visitor and citizen satisfaction with their experiences in Los Alamos. I still want to hear more people saying "I like to spend my free time in Los Alamos; there is so much to do and I feel so welcome and comfortable."

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 served on LTAB from 2008 through 2012, and was Chairman for two of those years, and again from 2016 (I took over a vacancy mid-term), into a full three-year term to present, currently being Chairman since January, 2019. Through this I know Kelly Stewart very well, and I know all of the County Councilors. I also served on a subcommittee of the Arts in Public Places Board to consider and propose a series of historic sculptures for the downtown.

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, and I'll make sure there are none.

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

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

Linda Dech
Applicant's Name

LTAB
Board or Commission

James Robinson
Interviewer Name

12/18/19 1145
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	<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>- Wise to get advice from members across the industries is great.</p> <p>- It is pretty prescribed in how the \$ can be spent.</p> <p>- New initiatives w/ changing, looking industry, that are exciting to attract the adventurous travelers: what does that mean for the community.</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>- More directed toward these on going initiatives. Short term results, valuable metrics, good arrow to departure. Change the model. More forward directed than looking in the past.</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>- Evolving demographic that we are hope hoping to attract and how we should communicate with them in new and existing markets.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - So helpful when an <u>engaged</u> councilor is w/ the board address the issues. - Open conduit to the Council. - Assessing the short term rentals ~ could be a massive impact.
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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - engaged County Councilor and others who want to come to the meetings to help participate. - lunchin w/ boards and commissions is incredible. - the teen gathering space is off putting to visitors.
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not training sessions aka outside training, but having outside presenters. - if there are more that would be great. - Hospitality Association, getting involved. ~ got to find that would be helpful.
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no changing the # of people on LTAB and it is hard to maintain Quorum. - Maybe have more than one attend the B&C luncheon. - Staff support is wonderful. Haven't been getting the complete packet.
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not a deterrent. - Need to address email addresses.

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. LTAB is already streaming.</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>Chur elections</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>

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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Linda Deck

Applicant's Name

LTAB

Board or Commission

Katie Bnell

Interviewer Name

12/18/19 11:45am

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☒ Personally

☐ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
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>Wise to get advice from attractions + lodging on where the funds go. The rules for spending the \$ are pretty strict, which can make LTAB feel rote. But we have new initiatives in front of us, including attracting the venturesome traveler.</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>we've gotten more directed towards ongoing initiatives like short term rentals, metrics, A2D training. Looking forward instead of looking at the past.</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>Evolving demographic that we're hoping to attract How we're communicating w/potential audiences Don't want to ignore boomer audience. Likes the new visitor guide direction</p>

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5	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? <i>Covered above. Other councilors could come to board mtgs besides the one assigned. B+C lunches are a good time for lots of communication.</i>
6	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? <i>No trainings that were pertinent. We have had wonderful speakers come + present to the board. Continue + expand this. Hosp Assoc stuff is good - would be nice to find members to attend these kinds of conferences.</i>
7	What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far? <i>Quorum issues are hard because of LTAB member number constraints. Maybe have 2 people in stead of one attend B+C lunches.</i>
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10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel?
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Applicant's Name

LTAB

Board or Commission

Kelly Stewart

Interviewer Name

11:45-12, Dec. 18, 2019

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

☒ Personally

☐ Telephone

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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>get advise from lodging / attractions for how LTR is spent. Feels "rate" given County Code. However, new challenges & opportunities - new audience (MEMS) v.s. traditional; <i>back</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>Focused on on-going initiatives: <i>changing demog.</i></p> <p>1) STR phenom. 2) Data - efficiency 3) A2D training</p> <p>Forward-looking vs. backward <i>contract school</i></p> <p>Rather than just mounting data +</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>Evading demographic / psychographic - venturism, traveler. <i>how we</i> are communicating. Still attract our <i>bummers</i>. Reach them where they are getting info.</p>

ATTACHMENT C

New Visitor Guide - great approach. Bommers use web: Invitation for experiences.

4 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?

Helpful to have councilor who is engaged to communicate concerns of Council. Maintain open conduit - 2 way communications. E.g., Assess what is needed to support STR? how to right-size it for Co., neighborhoods.

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5 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?

Engage County Councilor & follow up to respond to questions, etc. Encourage other councilors to participate. BCC luncheons are much more collaborative.

6 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?

No, but invite speakers & experts to LTAB to present & inform LTAB; can we (Co./LTAB) fund attendance of LTAB members @ industry conferences hosted by NM TD or NM Hosp. Assoc.

7 What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?

Any chance to expandable seats; quorum, # of, issue? Encourage all board members to participate in BCC luncheon. Planning meeting w/staff; need complete pot in advance!

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No. However, concern re email communications sent to Lab email address. Lab employees can't do non-Lab business on Lab computers/time.

→ Need to offer personal email/phone.

→ Can County create Co. address?!

→ Include IPRA req'ts as part of Ethics training.

9	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? <i>Yes.</i>
10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel? <i>when is next election for LTAB Chair? Happy to continue, but fine with</i>
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.] <u><i>No</i></u>

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*LTVC relocation, per teen gathering space
& activities off-putting to visitors; also
MAPR VC still there; experiencing same
issues.*