
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 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.

Brendon

First Name

Parsons

Middle Initial

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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?**

community posting online

ATTACHMENT D

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 a strong advocate for environmental sustainability at the personal, commercial, and government levels. I believe that taking a data driven approach to sustainability and creating the correct incentive structure is critical to making changes that are both impactful and lasting. Many times sustainability can be driven by fads or corporate interests, diluting the effectiveness of actions while leading people to believe that further action isn't need. I believe that my personal experience in advocating for environmental sustainability, in conjunction with my employment at LANL in the Environmental Stewardship organization, and my background in economics and environmental chemistry, prepare me to offer unique perspectives to the Board that will benefit the diversity and impact of the Board's efforts.

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

Currently, I volunteer as a big brother mentor via the Big Brothers Big Sisters mountain region chapter. Previously when I lived in Seattle, I lobbied King County and the City of Seattle as a citizen to support efforts in sustainable transportation and improved urban design to reduce environmental impacts and benefit sustainability of the Seattle urban area. When I lived in Florida, I worked with bicycling organizations to petition support for alternative commuting via construction of bicycle lanes. Professionally, my employment in the Environmental Stewardship group at LANL has engaged my background as a scientist to support efforts in chemical waste prevention, water conservation, and responding to emerging contaminants including PFAS. I am comfortable with leveraging my previous experience, as well as my ability to come up to speed on new topics, to provide thoughtful and informed advice to decision makers at the personal, commercial, and governmental levels.

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 guide an economic analysis of reuse and recycling programs supported by the Board to ensure that materials are actually being diverted from landfills at cost effective rates, and if not, guiding alternative approaches that produce the most environmental sustainability benefit for our location. I would also like to emphasize emerging contaminants associated with certain consumer products and advise County policy needed to make impacts to prevent environmental contamination from PFAS. I am also interested in supporting sustainability of transportation in Los Alamos through vehicle electrification and enhancements to alternative transportation including walking and bicycling.

**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



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Brendon Parsons
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Angelica Gunle
Interviewer Name

7-9-2020 / 10 am
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 X Telephone / zoom

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>4 yrs in Los Alamos.</u> <u>always had an interest in govt activism.</u> <u>Undergrad - Liberal Arts emphasis Chemistry + economics. PhD - Chemistry</u> <u>Currently works at LANL on environmental compliance. (Legacy contamination)</u> <u>on quantifying/analyzing PCB's in SWISH (LANL sewer)</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>County - accessibility of single family / multi family homes.</u> <u>ESB - challenges of managing solid waste (Composting w/o use of Bio Solids). Good to reuse locally.</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>allows for citizens to weigh in and share expertise.</u> <u>to the Board. Can utilize board to gather information,</u> <u>divergent ideas + build consensus. for use by Council.</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>Willingness to dig into an issue - ground truthing.</u> <u>Have to be willing + able to dig deep into an issue</u> <u>and try to provide unbiased fact based information.</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>Bring people together to discuss an issue</u> <u>and develop a recommendation.</u> <u>The boards have the ability to research issues for</u> <u>a longer period of time.</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>FCOG Trying to form alliance with other National Lab + DOE Institution to standardize RFID inventory.</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.</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>He is aware + not not deterred.</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, fine with this.</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>David mentioned boards are advisory to Council. Technical expertise + passion is also useful for board. ESB poster child for outreach + education for community.</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>He asked what are goals for ESB: Heather mentioned food composting and educating community on zero waste and reduction of single use plastics.</p>

Notes:

Are there actions that focus on water reduction?
David - Currently, not the purview of board; it falls under utilities, but there may be room for collaboration. Utilities also has education + outreach contract w/ PEEC for water conservation.



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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>Interest in governance in general. Bachelors in Econ Chemistry. Do analytical chem. which is a really old job. At LANL, looking at PCB's. Moved to Environ. Protection, & getting to look at PFAS. Look at scientific approach. Advocate for bike lanes & urban design. 4 years in LA.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Accessibility & multi-family housing.- Mgmt of solid waste. Talked Foodcompost, Cost & transport of waste.
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Boards provide expertise & layer political process & expertise by local experts. More detail than a single political cycle.</p>
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">- willingness to dig into an issue, provide unbiased fact based reply- ability to listen to other board members.
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">- Bring in guest speaker & talk w/ audience. For people who want to find common ground.- clear communications

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>Not within 5 years - public, just food bank Served on FCOG. Find alliance between several labson chemistry testing equipment.</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.</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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Brendon Parsons
Applicant's Name

Environmental Sustainability
Board or Commission

Heather Ward
Interviewer Name

07/09/20 10:00
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 X Telephone/Zoom

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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>County: Accessibility of multi-family housing. Board: Management of solid waste, biosolids, solid waste transport fees, mixed recycling is hard to do well, wish-cycling</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Boards provide some expertise and political process to bring community voice to council. Keep projects going beyond a single term.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Willingness to dig into an issue, unbiased, fact-based, listen to other members of 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>Forum-type activities, like bringing in a guest speaker Bringing people together for an event to encourage discussion Clear communication at an appropriate level</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>None within the past five years. Professional group: promoting alliance between national labs regarding bulk purchasing of materials</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>No</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 are priorities for the next few years? Does the Board do anything about water use or electric charging stations?</p>

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