
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.

Abigayle

First Name

Cutting-Smith

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?

I was interested in getting involved with county boards and did a search on Google

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?

Art in Public Places: Submitted

Environmental Sustainability: Submitted

Parks and Recreation: Submitted

Community Development Advisory: Submitted

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

I am particularly interested in joining g the environmental sustainability board. I have a degree in environmental science and I am passionate about impacting a positive change, and what other place to begin than in my own backyard. I am interested in the Parks and recreation board for similar reasons. I would also be interested in the Art in Public Places board. I come from a family of artists and so I believe that art can have a powerful and positive impact on people's lives.

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

I currently work for N3B with the groundwater program. I have also completed 3 Americorps terms with the Montana Conservation Corps which has driven my passion for the outdoors, environment conservation and public service. I also served for 3 years on the board for a non-profit dance organization, helping to plan events, including our annual recital for 20+ choreographers and 100+ dancers.

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 absolutely

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.)

If chosen for the environmental sustainability board I would like to work on expanding the Zero Waste program and also look into additional options for roll carts. Another thing I would be interested in is expanding the "Eat like a bear" program and maybe offer a "bug buffet" similar to one my university hosted annually.

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 have only briefly interacted with the Zero Waste booth attendants at the Friday concerts at Ashley pond

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?

None that I am aware of currently

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

Abigyle Cutting-Smith
Applicant's Name

APPB
Board or Commission

James Robinson
Interviewer Name

1130 8/19/20
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☒ ZOOM
☐ 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>Moved to LA 2 years ago. Degree w/ Env. Sci. N3B Time on board in Montana to help dancers have a venue to dance.</i>
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.] <i>Greatest issue ~ getting people involved. Never want to get involved just demand A. ~ People willing to commit and show up</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>Important place. A way to get involved. See the changes implemented APB is very obvious to see the A.</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>- Communication: being able to talk to people and make a clear point. Very good at making communication clear. Keeping a level head.</i>
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? <i>- Collaborate w/ the Parks and Rec board. Look into other boards and see if there are common areas to work together.</i>

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>- Dance Organization Board (3yr). Give big Fundraising event. Got \$500 social media scholarship. Events. Able to raise a lot of \$</p> <p>- Organizing hundreds of people to attend.</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. Not particularly</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>- Absolutely. Always learning and growing is good</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>- Nope</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>- Nope</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>- Favorite part of the APB? → seeing an concept go to physical art.</p> <p>- Greatest accomplishment? Creating inventory and handling the artwork.</p> <p>- Meet? 4th Tuesday of the Month</p>

Notes:

Abigail Cutting-Smith
Abby

APPB interview interviewed by Catherine Ozment
8/19/2020 11:15 via Zoom

1. Moved here 2 years ago from MT, degree in Environmental Science, N3R graduate.
Narwhal dance organization helping people 18+ have a chance to change 20+ things.
2. Getting people involved is a huge issue, why she wanted to get involved. Challenge for APPB also getting people to be involved.
3. Important way to get involved & see changes implemented. APPB - very obvious b/c you can see it in public & see people enjoying it.
4. Strong communication skills, very able to get your point across - she is good at bridging communication gaps. Also keeping a level head.
5. APPB should collaborate w/ PER, other boards, should have a willingness to connect w/ other boards.
6. Dance org board for 3 years; started a major fundraising event, created social media page, organizing a big show.
7. No not particularly.
8. Absolutely. Always good to continue learning.
9. No. not a deterrent.
10. No.
11. -
12. Front part of the board? when do we meet?



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Was early @ 11:10am.