
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.

John

First Name

W

Middle Initial

Nash

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?

From Library

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?

Library: Submitted

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

I am a regular user of the library (and used it much more before closure) and want to contribute to the success of the library and promoting the library and its services to the community.

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

I am currently the senior pastor at First United Methodist Church, which engages me in the community in several ways. While in graduate school I also worked for the Boston Public Library. I serve for the church on the conference's finance committee, where I have been the vice-chair for the past four years, and have also worked for several different non-profits. I have also been asked to serve on the board for the Los Alamos Retirement Community based on a recommendation they received on how we have dealt with Covid at the church.

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.)

We are in the midst of very unusual times and the library is going to have to reconnect with the community in new ways once they are able to "open" as well as connecting and working in new ways for people who can't/won't come back to the library for a while. Everyone is going to have to come to terms with the new normal and create new ways of being the community service that the library is, and I would like to be a part of that new reality.

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 interviewed for a library board position in 2019. I have also had contact with David Izraelevitz, who I believe was the county commissioner working with the library board, in my position with the church.

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

John Nash
Applicant's Name

Library Board
Board or Commission

Eileen Sullivan
Interviewer Name

4:00 pm 10/2/2020
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. <p>Pastor 1st Methodist Church. Wanted to get more involved in community. 2 x wk. in library. Boston area. Give back. From St. John's Coll. Worked at Boston Public Library. Sorty donated books. Finance Committee church.</p>
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.] <p>Responding to COVID at the moment. How does library respond when people can't come in. How do we change for new reality + let people know what there. Some don't have tech resources</p>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <p>Advisory. History position. Advocacy. Input from community. Middle man btwn. Library + community</p>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <p>Listening. Probe more deeply. What are they really trying to tell me. Advocacy for multiple people staff, board, county. Big picture + detail thinking</p>
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? <p>Getting to know staff. Can Gardine. How to make job easier or better.</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><i>yes. Finance Committee for Church. Changed payment model. Simplified. How can we help you do better financially. Transformed it through communication.</i></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><i>No.</i></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><i>yes.</i></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><i>No.</i></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><i>No.</i></p>
11	<p><i>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</i></p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

John Nash
Applicant's Name

Library
Board or Commission

Katrina Martin
Interviewer Name

10/6 2:00
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 ZOOM
 X Telephone

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#	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. Pastor and Methodist Church, been there over a year, wants to be more involved in the community Applied last year but they needed greater political representation at the time Avid reader; works at library Master's in Divinity Worked at Boston Public Library
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? [<i>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>] County- housing Library Board- living in a new world, not going back to the way things used to be; how do we change and communicate what the library does/could be doing; technology struggles with things like live-streaming— education, technology; communicating who library is, what they are doing currently, what they could do in the future Board is liaison between County Council, community, and library
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Intermediary; a voice for the community back to the library and to the County Council Also the other way— info back out to people Listening and advocacy between all the parties involved
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Listening, dedication of time, being able to see small details and also big picture Good at all of those, getting better at listening, also good at listening to what's really going on underneath when someone is upset. Big picture thinking, strategic thinking and planning
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? Get to know them, listen to them; talk to them but also being nosey Asking how we can make their jobs easier or better

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>Currently serving on United Methodist Church finance committee (interstate)</p> <p>Redid the way the conference does its finances; lots of trust issues going in, flipped the dynamic, now have churches send 8% of \$ from every month instead of sending a flat rate bill</p> <p>Looked at resources and trainings that they needed, helping pastors and church treasurers</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; wants to fully commit to whatever it is that he takes on</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>Yes, aware, no problem</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, used to being online</p>
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12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>No</p>

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Applicant's Name John Nash Board or Commission Library Board
Interviewer Name Rebecca Rodriguez Date/Time of Interview 4pm/10/2/2020

Interview Conducted:
☒ ZOOM
☐ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
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>→ pastor UMC in LA → involvement in community → spend time in Library → reading interested → work in Boston Public Library → served on different boards church, community</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>— county • responding to COVID19 changes • continue to change • technology + changes • resources for community • Housing — Library • responding when no one can come in • communication w/ patrons</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Advisory (Listening) + Advocacy (services) for the community</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Ability to advocate + help people Listening (Hearing what people are actually saying) Advocacy (staff, board + patrons) Needs for upcoming services Big Picture + Detail Focusing (immediate + longer thinking)</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>understanding the staff needs + understanding how things are actually going + making their job easier</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>yes, greatest contribution on current committee changing policy on income coming in for finance committee in church → economic formula change (communication)</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. willing to look up</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.</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>County council recommendations/appointments</p>

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