

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 Mary Tapia at 505-662-8040.

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.

Katherine _____ Bruell _____
First Name 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?

Board member

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?

Planning and Zoning Commission: Submitted

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

I'm passionate about preserving what we all love about Los Alamos while also being a welcoming and affordable place for everyone who wants to live here. I believe P&Z has a lot to do with both of those goals.

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

I've served a few terms on the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board. I was director of the Los Alamos Nature Center for 12 years. I read lots of nonfiction and stay current with issues around development, housing, etc.

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.)

The goals I mentioned above.

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've written to Council in support of this board's recommendations, but that's it.

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 Adrienne Lovato at 505-662-8293 or Victoria Pacheco at 505-663-3483

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Katherine Bruell

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

✓ KARIE BRUNN
Applicant's Name

P&Z
Board or Commission

SOBIA SAYEDA
Interviewer Name

1 PM 6/5/23
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
____ Personally
TELEPHONE 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>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>ST. JOHN'S IN SR. EXP. EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR LIBRARY & PERL IN THE PAST HELP INTERESTED IN THE WORLD P&Z DOCS - INTERESTED IN HOUSING & COMMITTED TO SOLVING THE PROBLEMS.</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>PEOPLE NEED TO BE ACTIVE IN THESE ISSUES.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>P&Z ADVISORY TO COUNCIL. - CLARIFICATION - P&Z APPROVES QUASI JUDICIAL CASES.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>LEARNING FROM OTHER PEOPLE & COMING TO CONSENSUS ABOUT WHAT EVERYONE IN THE CROWD BRINGS TO THE TABLE.</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>RESPECT STAFF & UNDERSTAND THE CONSTRAINTS STAFF MAY HAVE. BE KIND & RESPECTFUL.</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>LOCALS TAX & TOURISM BOARD.</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 - WILL REWIND 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>
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>EXPLAIN THE PROCESS.</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>—</p>

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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Katherine Bruell
 Applicant's Name

Planning and Zoning
 Board or Commission

Rachel Adler
 Interviewer Name

1pm, 06/05/2023
 Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 _____ Personally
 _____ Telephone

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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>Teacher for many years, worked briefly at the library, for 12 years was at PEEC, executive director for 8 years. Masters in International Relations. Passionate amateur, not an expert, but reads a lot, a lot of nonfiction related to current issues.</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? [<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>]</p> <p>County is desperate for housing, people need to be able to afford to live here so our businesses can run and we can be welcoming to new businesses. Loves Los Alamos and recognizes the need to protect the character of the town, but also sees the need for change in housing availability and amenities.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>It's an advisory board to Council, P&Z makes recommendations to Council.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Being able to ask questions and listen, being able to figure out what information you need to make a decision. Being able to talk to people who have different views. Learning from other people and trying to understand their point of view.</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>Important to respect staff and understand the constraints they are under. Understand underlying issues staff may be dealing with. Be kind and respectful.</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>Lodgers Tax Advisory Board, advised Council how to spend money. Tourism Task Force, it was brand new and they got to contribute a lot of new ideas. Created a rubric that scored all the criteria on the different locations they were looking for for the Visitor Center.</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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**County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

Katherine Bruell

P&Z Commission

Applicant's Name _____ Board or Commission _____

Melanee Hand _____ 6/5/23 _____, 1 p.m.
Interview Conducted:

Interviewer Name _____ Date/Time of Interview _____
Personally _____

_____ X _____ Telephone _____

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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>Master's in International Relations. Experience working for PEEC and Library. Has interest in P&Z – read Poverty in America And is compelled to act.</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>Desperate for housing for businesses to run and be successful.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>(missed this answer – I was dealing with internet connectivity problems at the time).</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Asking questions, learning from others and learning from the group.</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>Understand underlying issues and be kind and respectful. That's how she likes to operate.</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>Served on Lodger’s Tax Advisory Board, Tourism Task Force</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 familiar with the County Charter.</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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12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>What is the calendar for meetings? (Every other week – County is mindful of the agenda and time). Already asked Stephanie Nahkleh sitting on the Commission.</p>

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