

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.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning and Zoning Commission: Submitted

Ronald

First Name

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Middle Initial

Nelson

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *

Democrat

How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?

49 years 10 months

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

LA Daily Post ad

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.)

Community Service

List boards, commissions, committees, and organizations on which you are currently serving or have served. Include any offices held.

Lads and Lasses of Enchantment (Los Alamos Barbershop chorus) board member American Society of Heating Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 100 Committee secretary American Society of Heating Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineers (ASHRAE) Standard 105 Committee secretary White Rock United Methodist Church treasurer New Mexico Swimming General Chair Los Alamos Aquatomics president Pinon Park Pool president

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

Institute for Market Transformation (non-profit in Washington DC) 2010-2012 Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) 2007-2009 Los Alamos National Laboratory 1974-2005 Environmental Protection Agency 1973-1974 North Carolina State University 1972-1973

List your current and past education including any professional or vocational licenses or certificates.

Master of Architecture UNM 2010 Master of Business Administration UNM 1997 PhD Physics Duke University 1972 BS Mathematics and Physics Florida State University 1967

Interests & Experiences

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

As a retiree I have the time to learn and serve. Although I have lived in the county for nearly 50 years, my focus was divided and consequently I have been not participated in county government. My life is simpler now, and I feel my background and interests can contribute to my service with Planning and Zoning.

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 look forward to supporting the growth of badly needed residences and businesses in our unique county.

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.

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

Following retirement from LANL, I returned to graduate school at UNM to earn a Masters of Architecture degree. During those years as a student I discovered my physics background and architectural interests reinforced each other in the vital area of building energy efficiency. After completion of the degree I joined the Institute for Market Transformation, a non-profit in Washington DC focused on policy innovations to promote building energy efficiency. That work lead to contacts with volunteer members of the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) where I volunteered as the secretary on two standard committees. During time spent at our second residence in Greenport, NY I saw an opportunity to contribute my design and planning skills to the restructuring of traffic flow and infrastructure addressing congestion around the North Ferry. This initiative began with a concept that I shared with the stakeholders in the immediate area surrounding and including the North Ferry (two museums, the neighborhood residents, a synagogue, and the ferry company). Happily I found enthusiastic support so we formed an ad hoc committee including the mayor of the Village of Greenport to develop a proposal to the Village of Greenport Board of Trustees, which soon passed a resolution for a \$3 million bond to support the implementation.

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.

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.

General

Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?

Yes No

If yes, please list dates and department.

Are you related to any employee of Los Alamos County?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate name and relationship.

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest in connection to your occupation or financial holdings in relation to your responsibilities as a member of the advisory body to which you seek appointment?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate any potential conflicts.

Are you aware of the time commitment necessary to fulfill the obligations of the Board or Commission to which you seek appointment?

Yes No

Can you commit to approximately 10-15 hours per month to this Board or Commission to prepare for and attend monthly meetings and training as needed?

Yes No

Are you willing to participate in Board and Commission meetings that are recorded and may be live-streamed?

Yes No

Are you willing to have your name listed on the County Boards and Commissions public webpage?

Yes No

If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Lovato at 505-662-8293



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Ron Nelson
 Applicant's Name

Planning and Zoning
 Board or Commission

David Reagor
 Interviewer Name

June 6, 2024, 11am
 Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

X 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	<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>50 years in LA. Nuclear physics PHD. Retired age 60, got a master's degree in Architecture at UNM. Not leaving LA. Math model energy efficiency. Hobbies skiing and singing. Board passed in Green Port NY community ferry traffic resolution.</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>Getting people to do business in LA. Retail and housing mixed needs support from board. Not many meetings last year.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Advice</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Listening first. Background in similar cases. Knowledge of the code. Good listener and people oriented.</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>Drop in on Sobia. Communicate fully. Need a healthy open environment.</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>Board for chorus new member. Older did Aqua atomics. Organize meets statewide program. Church 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>Read it. Staff handle most business. Handle appeals at P&Z.</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>Not a 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>Skipped this question</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> <p>Two openings and party affiliation? Start when?</p>

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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Ronald Nelson
 Applicant's Name

Planning and Zoning
 Board or Commission

Rachel Adler
 Interviewer Name

06/26/2024, 11am
 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>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>PhD in nuclear physics from Duke. After he retired, went back to UNM to get an architecture degree. Went to work for a nonprofit focusing on energy efficiency. Volunteered working on model codes for building inspections and specs for building energy efficiency modeling software. Likes to ski and hike, sings in a barbershop chorus. Was on board of trustees of Greenport, Long Island, worked with community to organize and design to solve traffic issues related to ferry usage.</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>Greatest issues are enticing businesses to do business in Los Alamos County. New plans for county include a lot of mixed use buildings, businesses on the first floor, residences on upper floors, how can we make sure those commercial spaces are utilized by local businesses.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Designed to be the interface between the community and 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>Listening to what people have on their minds, their complaints, their ideas. Knowledge of the code. He's a pretty good listener, a people person, looking forward to the opportunity to work with new people and learn.</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>Communicate well, have a positive outlook to foster a healthy environment.</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>Just joined the board for the lasses and lads of enchantment, oversees the barbershop chorus. Was involved with the Los Alamos Aquatomics, was president of the board. Chair of New Mexico swimming. Served in WR United Methodist church in various positions, including treasurer.</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>Was not something he knew a lot about until he read it. It’s comprehensive, he likes the tiered structure that the county has in place.</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>It is not.</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>N/A</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> <p>David asks for clarification on his architecture education.</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

RON NELSON
Applicant's Name

P&Z
Board or Commission

SOBIA SAYEDA
Interviewer Name

6/26/24 - 11 AM.
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 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>PHD IN NUCLEAR PHYSICS FROM DUKE - ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN DIRECTOR WORKED IN DC. ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY GROUP - WORKED W/ ASKAP - BUILDING INSPECTIONS & BUILDING EFFICIENCY MODELS. BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE RELATED TO P&Z. WORKED W/ LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS TO WORK TOGETHER ON SITE PLANNING IN A FERRY PROJECT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.</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>BRINGING NEW BUSINESSES TO COME TO COUNTY - NEW PLANS FOR MARIJUANA ARE A CHALLENGE IN THE COUNTY. P&Z - DOESN'T DIRECTLY IMPACT IT - AS THE CODE ALLOWS FOR GROWTH.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>DESIGNED TO BE INTERPACKED BETWEEN COUNTY & COMMUNITY & COUNCIL - INTERACT W/ COUNTY STAFF MUST - THEN TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS BEFORE GOING 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>LISTENING - IS IMPORTANT - BACKGROUND OF THE BOARD. KNOWLEDGE OF THE CODE IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT - LEARNING OPPORTUNITY. A PEOPLE PERSON - LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY.</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>COMMUNICATION - IS ESSENTIAL. GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS. POSITIVE OUTLOOK FOSTERS HEALTHY OUTLOOK.</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>JOINED THE BOARD OF RABBI BARBARA SHOPS CHORUS. INVOLVED W/ LOS ALAMOS AQUATONICS - ACTIVE POSITION - IMPACT ON ORGANIZING OTHERS TO ATTEND SWIM MEETS. - SERVED AS TREASURER ON METHODIST CHURCH.</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>HAVE READ THE CHARTER - IT'S VERY COMPREHENSIVE - IN ORGANIZATION OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS TO HANDLE WORK/CODE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL. 3 LEVEL HIERARCHY.</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>/</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>ARCHITECTURE DECORATE ARTS RESTORATION. UTILIZED PROJECT MANAGEMENT SKILLS TO COMPLETE PROJECTS IN A TIMELY MANNER.</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION - NOT RELUCTANT TO P&Z. PART OF THE CHARTER. HOW LIKELY IS IT TO BE APPOINTED AS A DEMOCRAT. MEETING SCHEDULE - TWICE A MONTH.</p>

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