
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?

Library: Submitted

Brian

First Name

J

Middle
Initial

Reardon

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) *

☒ Independent

How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?

27 years

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Currently a 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.)

Library

Community Service

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

Cub Scout den leader.

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

Los Alamos National Laboratory

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

PhD materials Science, 1997

Interests & Experiences

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

I believe the Library is a crucial part of our community and its services provide everyone the ability to learn, stay informed, and grow to be better citizens and human beings. Thus, I want to help ensure that the library always has the best interest of the community at heart.

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 see an expansion of online services, more guest Authors, and greater outreach and engagement with younger readers. The story times and music and movement are wonderful for young children but I believe more could be done for the older kids. 8/24 update, I have currently become an avid user of ChatGPT at work and I can see that having an subscription AI/MML service offered through the library would be a great addition to the community.

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.

Yes. I currently serve on the Library Board.

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

I was treasurer for my home owners association. Further, I have been an avid user of the library services.

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

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Brian Reardon
Applicant's Name

Library Board
Board of Commission

Mehree Hand
Interviewer Name

8/23/24
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>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <p>Revision of policies that drive operations - positive Outreach at rodeo was positive - niches of Library still working Negative - meetings are long & have conflict w Scout meetings - has been resolved</p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>Biggest accomplishment is policies & soliciting public feedback. How do we get more feedback? Need to get the word out about how good library is.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>2024 transformative - Chat GBT - not just another program. Can help to write better. Consider subscription to Chat GBT. Progressing much faster than expected & need to make sure we keep up with it.</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>Should be a limit to one person serving on many Boards - need to get more citizens to participate. Need more community attendance.</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p>Having a liaison from Council. Summarize info for Council to report to Council</p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p>No training. Would be helpful to bring in attorney & explain BCC Instructions</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>Try to get all meetings on Zoom - if rooms don't have Zoom, don't use those rooms. Ensure quality recordings. Should WR get Zoom capability</p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board?</p> <p>No.</p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p>No.</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>No. Familiar w the Board.</p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</p>

Notes

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County Manager's Office

BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Brian Reardon
Applicant's Name

Library Board
Board or Commission

Gwen Kalaraza
Interviewer Name

8/23/24 10:130
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☒ Personally
☐ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <p>positive - lib policies revision → enlightening to him @ how drives operations + how will influence future outreach/feedback - fair + rocko niche - physical DVD + materials</p> <p>negative - longer mtgs + conflicts there</p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>policies - input given also public feedback interested in getting more feedback + translate into action</p> <p>July 4th presence</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>fy24 - profound impact of A.I. + chatGPT consider a subscription suggest 160 subs. for this</p> <p>issue is staying current w/ technology as it progresses so quickly stay ahead of the curve</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>operations - limit number of boards an individual can be on</p> <p>would like to see more involvement in lib board meetings</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p><i>appreciates attendance of Council liaison at board mtgs</i></p> <p><i>consider Board summarizing for liaison at each County mtg.</i></p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p><i>no trainings questions @ quorum when this is violated</i></p> <p><i>for guidance @ what that means when do this</i></p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p><i>suggest all meetings on zoom/recorded</i></p> <p><i>make sure recordings are audible & viewable</i></p> <p><i>improve quality of the recording</i></p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board?</p> <p><i>No</i></p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p><i>No</i></p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p>
11	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</p>

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B. Reardon

Applicant's Name

Library Board

Board or Commission

E. Rivera

Interviewer Name

8-23-24 1:30 p.m.

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

X Personally

 Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative? <i>Policy revision how they drive operations doing outreach over RODEO weekend was very positive. Negative: sometimes meetings were long</i>
2	What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with? <i>Big accomplishment was the policies soliciting public feedback How do we get more feedback opportunity on Jul 4th at Overlook park</i>
3	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.] <i>Profound impact of AI on our daily lives. Consider subscription for the library users. Staying current with technology.</i>
4	Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general? <i>One citizen on ten different boards? There should be a limit. More public involvement in our monthly meetings.</i>

5	Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve? <i>If you have a council member at the meetings there is nothing to improve. Summary of meetings written.</i>
6	Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually? <i>no, no training. Training or guidance on preventing breaking the rules. Things like quorum.</i>
7	What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far? <i>Try to get all meetings on zoom. Make sure the recording is understandable. Improve quality of recording. Prefer consistency in meeting space.</i>
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9	If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board? <i>no.</i>
10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel? <i>no.</i>
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]

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Brian Reardon
Applicant's Name

Library
Board or Commission

Frances Knudsen
Interviewer Name

8/23/24
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
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☐ Telephone

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2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>- Rev Policy review - year in review</p> <p>solicit feedback -</p> <p>July 4 - birth</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>2024 - stay current w/ technology</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>limit the # of boards one can be on</p>

Open the GPT -

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p><i>- Regular session -</i></p> <p><i>liasion</i></p> <p><i>board summarized 1 page [board member duty ??]</i></p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p><i>No</i></p> <p><i>quorum → clearer picture of managing</i></p> <p><i>lawyer discussions</i></p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p><i>make all mtgs on Zoom - audible</i></p> <p><i>improve quality of audio</i></p>
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9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p><i>No</i></p>
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