

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.

Frances _____ L _____ Knudson _____
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?

Current member of board

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 Board

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 would like to serve a second term on the Library Board. Libraries are essential to modern life. Libraries are an integral part of a community.

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

I am a retired librarian. I have worked in public, university and the laboratory libraries.

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.)

During the second term, I would like to focus on policy reviews - especially responding to book removal requests and the handling of email comments to the library board.

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 - currently serving on the Library Board.

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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Frances I. Knudson

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

Frances Knudson
Applicant's Name

Library Board
Board or Commission

Randall Ryti
Interviewer Name

Aug 29, 2023, 1p
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>Positive. Working with different board members; making a difference in reading; exposing people to literature is essential for democracy. it's fun and I have background in library science Unexpected - book discussion about the drag queen, however, should not have been surprised</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>During zoom it was difficult keeping everyone engaged. Interviewing customers is fun; getting different viewpoints always fun. Enjoyed judging the costumes at AtomicCon</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? <i>[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></p> <p>The Board has good goals. Getting customer feedback; this is working well Board should be more prepared for book content discussions Working well as a board</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>Board operates fine Make recommendation and suggestions Need for testing, would to see the board involved in that system testing Get more hands on experience</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 own designated council member, cannot improve on that, especially when they attend</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 received Overview of Robert's Rule could be a plus for all B&C</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>Nothing else that already mentioned</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>Asked Gwen how the LB should operate, would like the staff to know the board and vice versa, develop and orientation John, how would you improve the LB? More face to face with staff and the community, more face to face from community and staff</p>
11	<p><i>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</i></p>

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

FRANCES KNUDSON
Applicant's Name

LIBRARY
Board or Commission

BOW NASH
Interviewer Name

8/29 @ 1pm
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><i>positive working w/ board members or employees trying to make a difference in reading or experience, assisted to democracy - more fun live than zone - background in library science - book challenge - unexpected not negative</i></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><i>keeping the board together & trying to figure it out talking w/ patrons in four different w/leapshots volunteering at a museum & being asked to help w/ costumes</i></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><i>good goals - getting out & getting feedback - challenges for that is less be more prepared for book content discussion - pressing issue</i></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><i>board operate fine - need for testing of new things - use board members to do that work - more hands on work</i></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>having non-designated council member - attending is satisfactory strong point of the system</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 training - general overview of public's roles</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>nothing other than mentioned</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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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> <p><i>continue clear at beginning allow a way to hear all voices</i></p>

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County Manager's Office

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

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Lib Board
Board or Commission

Gunn Kalavaza
Interviewer Name

8/29/23 1pm
Date/Time of Interview

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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>2007 years - was keeping board together + figuring out ways to communicate</p> <p>likes to speak at meetings + public</p> <p>volunteering at Alamosan was interesting she enjoyed</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>Board has good goals i.e. getting feedback is less challenging</p> <p>be more prepared for lower content discussions in future</p> <p>feels it working well</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>would like for Board have involvement in testing new services + vetting that service.</p> <p>duty boards on work in the library</p> <p>my all heads</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>great that have a council liaison that attends mtgs is a strong point to system</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 training received general overview of Roberts Rules good for all Boards</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>nothing else to add</i></p>
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