

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?

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

Matt Heavner
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted] Suite or Apt

Los Alamos NM 87544
City State Postal Code

[Redacted] Email Address

[Redacted] 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?

13 years

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

online media

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.)

BPU

Community Service

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

LABPU

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

2010-present Los Alamos National Lab (scientist, external assignments to Whitehouse and Dept of Energy HQ) 2003-2010 University of Alaska Southeast - Assoc. Prof Physics 2000-2003 Los Alamos National Lab (postdoc and scientist)

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

2000 PhD Physics, University of Alaska Fairbanks 1993 BS Physics, Math, BA Philosophy, Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX

Interests & Experiences

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

I am interested in helping provide community input and advice to the DPU. The energy transition is an exciting and challenging opportunity for the county. I would also like to learn more about the county utilities.

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.)

In addition to learning about county utilities, I would like to help accelerate the local and regional energy transition.

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.

BPU (member, vice chair), LA transportation board (member, chair)

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

I've served on the county BPU and transportation board. Professionally, through LANL and DOE work, I am engaged in the energy transition.

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



LOS ALAMOS

County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Matt Heavner
Applicant's Name

BPU
Board or Commission

Ryn Herrmann
Interviewer Name

Mon/5/4/26/3pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 Telephone
 Remote/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	Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission. T-Board & BPU for 2yrs already. Been remaining diverse career. Lived in off grid cabin. PhD in Physics. Interest in atmospheric science. DOE Energy. Served 2 yrs @ White House as Science & Arctic Energy Offices. →
2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? Has been on Board for 2yrs & feels like he's just getting up to speed. Board Just becoming effective. Still learning a lot & having impact.
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? Dealing w/ change. Modernization of equip. Changing geopolitics. Pricing. Integrating Foxtail Flats. Market forces & EDM. Natural gas changes coming. Policy & Planning
4	Insert a board/commission specific question here. If you were elected to BPU would you seek change in either of it's environmental goals? And how would you go about pursuing that? Would seek changes & would seek to accelerate electrification & getting away from natural gas. Look for other opportunities →
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? Based on background, education & interest - he can bring curiosity to the board. And leadership. Try to bring more public engagement. Outreach.

① Involved w/ energy & utilities @ LANL.

⑤ Fleet electrification plan: Δ in gas prices - do we accelerate electrification? This makes financial sense. Look for what

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>T. Board. * BPU experience. Enjoys volunteering. NSF. Tri-Atomics. NICA coach. Scout Troop leader + Pack leader.</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>No.</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>How. How to get more community engagement? One source of info coming. "Town Hall" mtg about rate increases.</p>

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Interviewer Name

5/4/20
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1	Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission. T-Board & BPU for 2 yrs. Utilities - interest in utilities after living off grid in AK PhD physics - career in fields thru DOE, involved in AK utilities. Arctic energy office. ^{2 yrs} County Elec. Users Committee for LANC & changing needs.
2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? Effective thru last service on BPU, & learning a lot. Have an impact.
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? Dealing with change - modernization of aging infrastructure, politics, i.e. Integrating foxtail flats, natural gas changes.
4	Insert a board/commission specific question here. If appointed to BPU, would you seek change to BPU's env. goals & how do you propose pursuing them? Accelerate electrification and getting off of gas - Driver is climate change. Look for opportunities that are wins for stability, i.e. fleet electrification plan thru making financial sense.
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? Concern about plug-in solar. Leadership & partnership. Get more public engagement.

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>T-Board & BPU experience, Tri-Atomics Board, NSF navigating new arctic. (Qtrly mtgs). NIBA (cycling).</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>No.</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Looking for more opportunities for community engagement Writing letters to the editor. PIO looking for ways to update the info on multiple websites. Groundbreaking for fox tail flats.</p>

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ROBERT GIBSON
Interviewer Name

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Date/Time of Interview

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1	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission.</p> <p>T-BO, NOW BPU ~ 2 YRS. LIVED OFF-GRID IN AK STARTING IN '93. ELECTRONICS BACKGROUND. 2 YRS IN WHITE HOUSE (COS) OFC OF SCIENTIFIC POLICY 2 1/2 YRS IN ARJIC ENERGY OFFICE. (ALSO COS) MUCH INTERACTION W/ UTILITY PEOPLE. INTERACTS WITH LANL UTILITIES AT WORK.</p>
2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?</p> <p>FASCINATING TIME - IT'S SO DYNAMIC. AFTER 2 YRS, BECOMING EFFECTIVE. STILL LEARNING A LOT & ENJOYING.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission?</p> <p>DEALING WITH CHANGE. MODERNIZING ANCIENT INFRASTRUCTURE. GEOPOLITICAL CHANGE INTEGRATING FOXTAIL FLATS, EDAM, N.G. GOALS.</p>
4	<p>Insert a board/commission specific question here.</p> <p>IF REAPPOINTED TO BPU, WOULD YOU SEEK CHANGE IN EITHER OF ITS TWO MAIN ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS? HOW WOULD YOU FAVOR PURSUING THEM?</p> <hr/> <p>WOULD SEEK TO ACCELERATE BOTH, LOOKING FOR WIN-WIN OPPORTUNITIES.</p>
5	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission?</p> <p>EXPERIENCE W/ UTILITIES PROVIDE SOME LEADERSHIP INCREASE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT</p>

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>T-BD, BPU TRI-ATOMICS BOARD NSF "NAVIGATING THE NEW ARCTIC" ADVISORY BOARD KIDS BIKE RACE BOARD. SCOUT LEADERSHIP</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>NO</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>WHAT WOULD HELP US GET MORE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. ></p>

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2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? becoming effective. Dynamic times of electric. Fossil Fuel coming Elk Ridge. Being on board helps him be involved. Enjoying it. Still learning a lot.
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? Dealing w/ change. Modernizing old infrastructure Politics. Provide policy help to deal with change. Fossil Fuel business plan example. Market forces - EDM. Natural gas changes 2020 + make positive policy + policy.
4	Insert a board/commission specific question here. If appointed to the BPU, would you seek change in either of its two main environmental goals and how would you favor pursuing them. Seek to accelerate electrification + getting off of gas. Climate change big driver for the change.
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? Curiosity - leadership (serving as vice-chair currently) + get more public engagement. Attending farmers market + polling to get more opinions from public. looking for opportunities that are wins for utility stability for community/residents. Fleet electrification plan was based on a lower cost of gas for financial win.

6	What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in? Triathlonics - NSF (community office advisory board) navigating the new arch. - T-Board, BPU, Scout Leader, NCA kids bike racing
7	Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application? —
8	Do you have any other questions for the interview panel? —

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2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?</p> <p>He is finally becoming effective as a board member learning a lot.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission?</p> <p>Highest level dealing w/ Change EDAM, Resource, Politics, aging infrastructure Integrating fossil fuels market forces</p>
4	<p>Insert a board/commission specific question here.</p> <p>Exacerbate Electrification and off-grid Natural Gas. Look for opportunities Winter residence/country utility financial win</p>
5	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission?</p> <p>He went to workshop on Belcaney if gas @ 5/30/2021. Qual identify issues. Bring leadership for Board. Get more public comment.</p>

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>T-Board + BPU experience on Tri-Atomic Board NSF Admin. the Arctic Community Advisory Board, Troop Leader,</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>None.</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>How to get more community engagement, writing letter to editor.</p>

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