
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.



Brian

First Name



Middle Initial

Watkins

Last Name

Watkins


Street Address

Suite or Apt

Los Alamos


City

NM

State

87544

Postal Code


Email Address
Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) *☒ Republican**Registered to vote in Los Alamos?**☒ Yes ☐ No**How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?**

LAC Website

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?

Parks and Recreation: Submitted

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

I'd like to make additional contributions to our community, particularly for outdoor and recreational resources (especially mountain biking and hiking trails).

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

I've been doing extensive volunteer trail work, around the county and at the ski hill, for many years. Professionally, I have 25+ years of industry experience in construction, maintenance, civil work, and planning.

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.)

I'd like to support the continuing discussions and efforts for the county trails plans, the mountain bike hub, the BMX track, partnering with Pajarito Ski area, the NICA program, etc.. I'm also interested in partnering with IMBA or a similar volunteer trails organization to enhance community engagement and volunteerism to support our trails, parks, etc.

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.

Limited involvement, beyond some Tuffriders affiliation and some discussions about the BMX track.

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?

None

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or barbara.lai@lacnm.us

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Brian Watkins

Applicant's Name

PRB

Board or Commission

Suzie Havemann

Interviewer Name

4/27/23

Date/Time of Interview

4:30 pm

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>Grew up in S.W.M., school at NMSU - constr. industry incol - now been here 18 yrs - At lab in ops & facilities, constr., etc. - Ackn's his family has benefited from our P.R. here in LA - ymca soccer coach, trails vol. work, certified w/ SPNE etc.!</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>Thinks the PRB does good job -- not here to "fix" - would like to encourage more citizen/volunteer involvement - He's involved w/ Salida Mtn. Trails org. - we could learn from them - focus on taking care of what we have.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>A collaboration, a partnership. Being good stewards of govt resources. Developing a good partnership w/ the public, advocacy. Knows it's difficult to get consensus.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>making the time & doing it right! Along w/ his technical expertise - to make responsible recommendations, + a positive attitude!</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>Build trust. Work together to make it good experience for all users.</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>official Boards, NO. But some volunteer activities, focus groups, etc. (Flow Trail, etc.) (YMCA, ski hill)</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>Yes – has been paying attention – studying.</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, definitely.</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>Yes, aware. Not an issue.</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>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Brian Watkins
Applicant's Name

PRB
Board or Commission

David Hampton
Interviewer Name

4/27/23 4pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
X 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	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>MSU Young Family 18 yrs in LA. Lab employee Fac & ops. Infrastructure Infrastructure and utility planning, manages union employees</i>
2	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.] <i>getting volunteers, taking care of infrastructure</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>partnership, collaboration, public advocacy</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>time, commitment, positive attitude</i>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve? <i>trust</i>

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><i>No. Did volunteer coach and volunteer trail work.</i></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><i>Yes not yet.</i></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><i>Yes</i></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><i>No</i></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><i>No</i></p>
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12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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County Manager's Office

BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Brian Watkins
Applicant's Name

Parks & Recreation Board
Board or Commission

Wendy Parker
Interviewer Name

4/27/23 - 4:30pm
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>Grew up in NM & attended school here. Uses the park system 18 yrs. Resident of LA / Ready to assist the County / Park duty. Facilities & Operations position at the Lab Second founded TEAM + volunteer work.</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>County - Funding challenges Good understanding of issues. Board - How to energize the community / partnerships w/ County Feels they do a good job - More volunteering!</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Good Partnership when working well. Be good fiscal stewards. Develop trust & advocate Hard to receive consensus</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Positive attitude! TIME / help & contribute to the County Feels he can count time & expertise to the board. Responsible recommendations</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>Prof. environment / trust, honesty, know what your role is Don't talk negatively about Board / County. Stay true. Keep quality</p>

6	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? <i>no formal Board roles / blatant mtg / focus group, golf course, mtg bike trails processes.</i>
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Yes - pay attention to process & how things work.</i>
8	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? <i>Yes Could be fun & lots of learning</i>
9	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? <i>NO - is Aware!</i>
10	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? <i>NO - Understand!</i>
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>David convinced that he is qualified for other boards</i>
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel?

Notes:

*Definitely qualified & has a lot of
experience in way of park facilities*