
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

Jason

First Name

Alan

Middle
Initial

Chappel

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) *

☒ Republican

How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?

Three years

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Word of Mouth

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.)

N/A

Community Service

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

Los Alamos Schools Credit Union, Vice Chairperson, March 2023 to Present

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico Smith's Food and Drug, Los Alamos, New Mexico and various locations. United States Army, various locations.

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

New Mexico State University

Interests & Experiences

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

I am interested in serving on the Los Alamos County Board because I want to contribute my skills and experience to support the community's growth and well-being. With my background in business management, I am committed to fostering collaboration, informed decision-making, and strategic planning to address key local challenges and opportunities. I believe my leadership and problem-solving abilities can help make a meaningful impact.

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 contribute to initiatives that enhance community engagement, sustainability, and strategic development in Los Alamos County. My background in business management has given me valuable experience in problem-solving, collaboration, and decision-making, which I aim to apply toward addressing local challenges. I am particularly interested in growing our community while working ensuring infrastructure improvements, environmental sustainability and economic development, and ensuring that our community continues to thrive through thoughtful planning and inclusive policies. My goal is to foster a strong, connected, and forward-thinking Los Alamos.

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, I have not.

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

I currently serve as Vice Chairperson for Los Alamos Schools Credit Union.

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, I believe I am.

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?

Beyond my current employment, I do not believe so.

General

Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list dates and department.

N/A

Are you related to any employee of Los Alamos County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate name and relationship.

N/A

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.

N/A. None currently known.

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

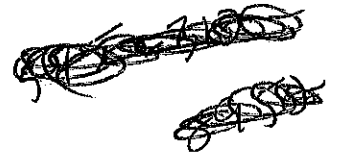
Are you willing to participate in Board and Commission meetings that are recorded and may be live-streamed?

☐ 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

Jason Hanchappell
Applicant's Name

Library
Board or Commission

Gwen Kalavaza
Interviewer Name

8/27/25 3:30pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
☐ Personally
☒ Telephone - 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 and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. in L.A. early 22 - 3 yrs as a store mgr at Smith's, also at local university - Bus. Mgmt., US Army early 20s willing to learn + adapt, be a better person
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.] County - building the infrastructure + supporting it for long term support current businesses Library - ensuring library services and marketing to be relevant to the population today
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? staff makes recommendations to Council + Board proposals to Council were directly w/ paid employees
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? being customer focused and ability to listen + get feedback all have someone to serve that mindset allows him to grow
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? good understanding of all ages + bring to the Board longevity of Board terms

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>is on Transportation Board currently 6 mos. also on Board for LA schools C.U. contribution – listens well + problems solve make more efficient</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>counter yes is Board no will learn this</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>Be aware + no objections</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>not a problem</i></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

Jason Chappel
Applicant's Name

Library Board
Board or Commission

Beverly Noel-Clinton
Interviewer Name

27 August 2025 @ 4:00 - 4:00
Date/Time of Interview BNC

Interview Conducted:
☒ Personally
☐ Telephone

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#	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. <u>Early 2021, moved here then; asst store manager, worked @ the Lab; came back to Smith's; Business management Degree; is an Army vet; willing to learn new things</u>
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.] <u>Biggest challenge building an infrastructure facing Board/commission → social media, growing the business (library); make the library relevant + create expansion, create more events</u>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <u>a lot of the staff makes recommendations; what works; what doesn't, please approve the recommendation; how can we make your jobs easier</u>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <u>current job emphasizing ideas and customer service, he believes we all have someone to serve</u>
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? <u>in his 40's, understands the inter-generationality of the library and its patrons</u>

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>Transportation Board (6 mo) also on Board for LAPS Credit Union. Greatest contribution a great listener as it applies to Board members + follow locals</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>ND He is educating himself</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, he is</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, he is aware and there is no objections</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, he is does not</p>
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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Jason Chappel
Applicant's Name

Library Board
Board or Commission

Elizabeth Stelle
Interviewer Name

8/27/25 4:00pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 x 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>Has lived in Los Alamos since 2022, manager at Smith's, served in the Army, studied business management. Willing to learn new things and wants to grow as a person.</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 facing County: Building and infrastructure. Greatest issues facing LB: Growing physical spaces even though many things are online</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>County staff present to boards, then boards present recommendations to Council. Supporting staff.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Customer-focused ("we all have somebody to serve")</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>(I couldn't hear the applicant's response to this question due to connection issues)</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>Has served on the Transportation Board for 6 months. Also serves on Board of Directors for Los Alamos Credit Union.</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>No</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 deterrent.</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>Not a deterrent.</p>
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I have no reservations recommending Jason Chappel as a member of the Library Board.