

## 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.*

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## Profile

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### 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?

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Board of Public Utilities: Not Submitted

Martha

First Name

C.

Middle  
Initial

Perkins

Last Name

Street Address

Suite or Apt

City

State

Postal Code

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

### Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

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Yes  No

### Party affiliation as registered: (Select one of the following) \*

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Democrat

**How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?**

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**How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?**

looking online

**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.)**

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**Community Service**

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

Arts Council Board member; Barranca Mesa School PTO and LA Schools District/Barranca Parent Council; and Project Management Institute Otowi Chapter Board member. I worked for municipal government most of my career and thus was staff to the Planning & Zoning Board, Lodgers Tax Advisory Board, Board of Adjustment, the Historic Preservation Board, and public/municipal special projects such as a rewrite to the Comprehensive Plan. I also presented to the County Council/Boards numerous times.

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**Employment and Education**

**List your current and past employment experience.**

Worked for the County of Los Alamos for over 25 years at the Mesa Public Library, IT, Finance, Utilities, and Community Development. I was also an Advanced Economist for the NM Public Regulation Commission in Utilities, a Community Development Director/Planner for the Town of Taos, and a Community Development Director for the Town of Milliken in Colorado. Currently I am Professional Staff Assistant for the National Education Security Center (NSEC) providing staff assistance to the Information Systems and Technology Institute (ISTI) Center Leader.

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

B.A. economics University of California, Santa Cruz; M.A. organization management University of Phoenix; PMP (project management certified) 2005-2016

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**Interests & Experiences**

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

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This Board is often overlooked, but it is extremely important and on an equal level basically to the County Council. The Board's work is hard and isn't as flashy as being on other Boards, such as the County Council or the Planning & Zoning Board. The subject matter is difficult and it takes a while to understand what all Utilities does. I was asked to be on Board in my early 30s after working with Utilities on Power Pool agreement negotiations and revised rate structure, but couldn't serve as a newly hired employee in Community Development.

**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.)**

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I miss being part of local government giving back to the community. I have a background in microeconomics. My thesis focus on the allocation of utility costs fairly among residential and commercial users for the City of Santa Cruz, California. In the early 1990s, I worked with Utilities management in the re-negotiation of the Power Pool agreement *with Los Alamos National Laboratory* to allocate the fixed costs fairly between the Laboratory and the County *(rewrote this sentence - the software uploaded a draft and submitted it while I was still working on it)*. The County was bearing too much of the burden. I am also concerned about Utilities' financial situation given its aging infrastructure and rising costs. Utilities should no longer be responsible for making a transfer to the General Fund other than for paying the General Fund support costs to run the department. The County used to not receive property taxes from Laboratory's management, but now they do. Utilities is an enterprise fund and should not be responsible for subsidizing the General Fund, unless you have managed to renegotiate this already. I am no longer on County staff and it is much harder to find out what is going on.

**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.**

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Yes, as explained previously in my other answers, I have been staff to quite a few Boards and Commissions. I enjoyed teaching them about the subject matter, answering questions, and appreciated their devotion to doing their homework and serving on their Board with an intent to make educated decisions and give back to the community. I enjoyed their insights and pathways to making decisions by listening to the public's input. As a Community Development Director, in particular, I wanted them to hold public meetings and hearings to make informed decisions. I have also served on the interview panel for *the Los Alamos County Board Lodgers Tax Advisory Board* and *the Planning & Zoning Commission Board candidates* *(edited this sentence)*.

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

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**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?**

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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?**

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No, other than being a rate payer and a citizen of Los Alamos.

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**General**

**Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please list dates and department.**

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**Are you related to any employee of Los Alamos County?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please indicate name and relationship.**

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**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?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please indicate any potential conflicts.**

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**Are you aware of the time commitment necessary to fulfill the obligations of the Board or Commission to which you seek appointment?**

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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?**

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Yes  No

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

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Yes  No

**Are you willing to have your name listed on the County Boards and Commissions public webpage?**

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Yes  No

If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Lovato at 505-662-8293

**Martha C. Perkins**

(The software uploaded my application when I was saving my application in draft form and it did not upload all the questions I had answered, so I edited a couple of my answers and am answering the rest of the questions below.)

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

My past work experience working with Board and Commissions in municipal and state government. I also worked with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

When I worked for Utilities previously, most of my time was volunteer. I expected the work to become part of my master's thesis. However, I learned later that our thesis had to focus on statistics. In addition to working on an economic model for the allocation of fixed and variable costs between the County and the Laboratory, I allocated costs for the four utilities and documented the process for changing the rate structure, which was adopted by the Utilities Board and the County Council. I created and automated spreadsheets with macros so the electric production/scheduling of power could be tracked and forecasted with the buying and wheeling electric power from various sources. I also during this time worked on a request for information/needs analysis for a new County-wide financial, utility, and continuing property records software system. Thus, I had a good understanding of the County Utilities Department back then.

**Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?**

Yes, see below:

Mesa Public Library 1986 – casual at the circulation desk and in high school during the summers

Utilities Department 1991 – 1992

Community Development 1992 – 2012

**Are you related to any employee of Los Alamos County?**

No

**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, I need to report it to the Los Alamos National Laboratory, since I work for this employer. My day-to-day job is not related to what this Board does though.

**Are you aware of the time commitment necessary to fulfill the obligations of the Board or Commission to which you seek appointment?**

Yes, I believe so.

**Can you commit to approximately 10-15 hours per month to this Board or Commission to prepare for and attend monthly meetings and trainings as needed?**

Yes

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

Yes

**Are you willing to have your name listed on the County Boards and Commissions public webpage?**

Yes