



**Do you currently serve on any County Board or Commission?**

o Yes or 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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**Interests & Experiences**

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Historic Preservation Advisory Board: Submitted

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

I have lived in Los Alamos for 20 years and have always been keenly interested in, and proud of, our town's unique and important role in history. One of my many nonproliferation-related programs at the lab (I am recently retired) was to run workshops for participants from various government agencies which involved Manhattan Project-era tours and discussions. I have also given countless tours to friends and relatives of the town and surrounding regions (Bandelier, Valle Grande), the Historical Museum, and Bradbury Museum. The Historical Preservation Board is of interest to me because it has the ability to influence further enhancement our town's historical sites and buildings -- and how those sites are designed to engage the public.

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

As mentioned above, my career in Nonproliferation at the lab afforded me the opportunity to share our town's history with many visitors, and to work with Allan Carr (laboratory historian) on a number of occasions. I would say my knowledge of town and laboratory history (and historical sites) is well above average. I also enjoy research and investigation (I'm a physicist), and am well-organized. If selected, this would be my first post-retirement volunteer activity.

**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 have a particular interest in the Women's Dormitory; I live near it and have always thought it was a wonderful building that would make a fantastic addition to our Historical Sites.

**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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Because of my interest in the Women's Dormitory I attended an open session of the Historical Preservation Board related to that project a few months ago; it was the first time I became aware of the Board. At that time I also became aware that a long-time friend, Michelle Murillo, was a member of the Board. I was excited to realize I could volunteer as well when an opening came up. Over the years I have also attended occasional public County Council meetings, but have never been involved in any commissions or other boards.

**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

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or [barbara.lai@lacnm.us](mailto:barbara.lai@lacnm.us)

## County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Loretta Weiss  
Applicant's Name

HPAB  
Board or Commission

Sara Scott  
Interviewer Name

10AM Aug 9, 2022  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
           Personally  
  x   Telephone/zoom

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| # | Question/Documented Response   |
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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>Is a historian at heart. Recently retired from LANL. Has had a long-standing interest in history, someday being a docent, really has loved sharing the history of Los Alamos with visitors and others during the time she has lived here. As part of her job had some contact with and learning from LANL's efforts in historic preservation of the lab's information. Follow up Q: what is your background relative to state requirements, initiatives, etc. for this type of work? Has not followed that in detail but generally feels that having regulations is good even if she not directly aware of all of the processes in place.</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>Hasn't participated on a board but aware of them with respect to specific community issues of interest. Issues for county now —most worried about vacancy and tax base and businesses that community needs and enjoys. Feels that this ties into historic preservation in that these amenities and others such as the walking tour add to attractions that can get tourists here and help with economic base. This could be a small way to help impact/support the needs of County.</p> |
| 3 | <p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>These are more about advice than enforcement. Main point is to get smart interested people together to get solutions for challenges and issues, have complementary skills, to produce good trusted ideas to recommend to Council.</p>   |
| 4 | <p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Organized, good work ethic, also likes to do research, solve problems.</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>Be polite and transparent. Work towards productive collaboration. Answer email and other communication on time. Show mutual respect.</p>   |

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| 6  | <p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&amp;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>Have not served on a board outside of work, Volunteered with other local organizations earlier.</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>Not familiar in detail with respect to Charter language for this Board. Would be her first homework assignment for herself.</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 problem, this makes sense since serving in a public capacity.</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&amp;Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve?</p> <p>Not a problem. Staff discussed current use of zoom meetings for foreseeable future for this Board.</p> |
| 11 | <p><i>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</i></p> <p>Follow up Q from staff regarding timing and availability — HPAB meets once/month first Wednesday at 5:30. Usually these last 1 Y2 h, any issues with this?</p> <p>A: Understands the needs for a quorum and would join remotely even if traveling.</p>  |
| 12 | <p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>No questions right now — will certainly have some if appointed. Looking forward to learning more about how the Board works with staff and Council. Interested in what learning about key initiatives and issues are other than the Women's Dorm.</p>  |

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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>Enthusiastic to volunteer and support the county through this committee. Not a historian but loves history of the town and LANL.</p> <p>Spent time with LANL Historian and has developed some understanding of the preservation challenges. Although does not have any formal background, through her extensive LANL experience, is knowledgeable about processes and needs</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>Concerns over vacancy of buildings in Los Alamos and the associated deterioration. No follow-up, but likely referencing the area between Central and Trinity. Recognizes the importance of history to tourism and sees the importance of keeping the built environment engaging for visitors. Interested in the Woman's Dorm inclusion and development of walking trails.</p> |
| 3 | <p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Recognizes the simplistic understanding, but sees LA county government's role in making decisions by gathering information and providing data to make the best decisions. A positive no question as this is an advisory committee.</p>  |
| 4 | <p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Highly organized and likes to research. Focus on problem solving.</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>After detailing the relationship between the committee and the county staff, sees the importance of collaboration and how her background would be of benefit.</p>  |

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| 7  | <p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p>None but is happy to learn.</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>   |
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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>Thought about it 9 months ago. Interested in joining the board. Historian at heart. Retired from the lab. Pursue History interest all over the world. Interest in sharing history of LA with friends and family. Focused on Manhattan Project and Historical aspects of the project, learned a lot from Allan Carr. Not intimately familiar with the technical process.</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>Interest in various PW projects in the County. Aware of how boards work. Concerned about vacancy and small business issues. Tied to HP since we can offer them as incentives. WAC building and walking trail.</p>     |
| 3 | <p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Appreciate the advisory aspect of HPAB rather than enforcement. Interested and dedicated individuals serving on the board meet the basic functions of the boards.</p>   |
| 4 | <p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Highly organized, good work ethic, research and understanding of an issue regarding problem solving.</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>Collaboration and transparency between the staff and HPAB.</p>   |

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| 7  | <p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p>Familiar with Code Enfo</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>Not an issue.</p>   |
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| 11 | <p><i>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</i></p> <p>Do you foresee any issues committing to HPAB first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 for a couple of months?</p> <p>Not an issue. Enthusiastic and willing to learn.</p>  |
| 12 | <p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Will have more questions moving forward. Available next month.</p>   |

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