

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.

Loretta _____ A. _____ Weiss _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Street Address _____ Suite or Apt _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Email Address _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

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

Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Michelle Murillo

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.)

HPAB

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 Advisory 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. NOTE: I have served on HPAB since October 2022, during which time I have learned a considerable amount about how county government is organized and implemented and the important role of HPAB.

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. NOTE: Since I joined HPAB the county has also obtained the Oppenheimer property which I am also very enthusiastic about. I am also interested in engaging with the public and am currently taking the Ambassador training.

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.

Because of my interest in the Women's Dormitory I attended an open session of the Historical Preservation Advisory Board related to that project a few months ago; it was the first time I became aware of the HPAB. 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. NOTE: I have served on HPAB since October 2022; however, since I apparently filled an existing term that is ending in April 2023, I am re-applying for a full term.

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

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 FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

✓ LORETTA WEISS
Applicant's Name

HPAB
Board or Commission

SOBIA SAYEDA
Interviewer Name

3PM 6/5/23
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
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	<p>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <p><i>SPACE SCIENTIST - HAS LIVED IN NM FOR AWHILE - HAS THE EXPERIENCE WORKING W/ VARIOUS COUNCILS. HAS BEEN A FASCINATING EXPERIENCE - HAVE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL.</i></p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p><i>HPAB WAS WORKING ON ACQUISITION OF BAKER HOUSE - INTERESTED IN WHAT HPAB CONTRIBUTES TO & LEARNING - PROS & CONS OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS - THAT BOUNDARIES ARE IMPORTANT TO ESTABLISH. HAPPENED W/ MY 2024 PLAN.</i></p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p><i>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</i></p> <p><i>APPRECIATE THAT WE ARE NOT A POLICING BOARD - BUT ADVISORY BOARD - CHALLENGE IS TO GET IT TO THE PUBLIC - COMMUNICATION W/ PUBLIC IS IMPORTANT.</i></p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Or operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p><i>HAVE A PROBABLY GOOD UNDERSTANDING - THE BOARD PLAYS A GOOD ROLE OF FEEDBACK THE PROCESS ON HAND - OR INTERACTION W/ THE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.</i></p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p>COUNCIL LIAISON IS DIRECT LINK TO COMMUNICATION W/ COUNCIL. STAFF TALKS THOROUGH MEETING MINUTES.</p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p>DID PARTICIPATE IN AMBASSADOR TRAINING IN HOW TO PROVIDE BETTER CUSTOMER SERVICE TO VISITORS IN LAC. COULD ENJOY A LITTLE BIT OF HAND HOLDING - W/ SOME TERMINOLOGY. WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE BOARD - THE HANDBOOK IS HELPFUL - BUT A SHORT SIT DOWN SESSION WOULD BE HELPFUL.</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>LIKE THE WAY THE BOARD MEETS. ARE MORE EFFICIENT & EFFECTIVE. KEEP TO THE TOPIC</p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board?</p> <p>NO.</p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a <u>deterrent</u> to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p>NO.</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>WHAT THE TURN OVER IN MEMBERSHIP IS.</p>
11	<p>[interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</p>

Notes

Thank the applicant for their feedback on the B&C system, and their willingness to continue serving as a Board or Commission member.

LOS ALAMOS

County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Loretta Weiss

Applicant's Name

HPAB

Board or Commission

Melanee Hand

Interviewer Name

3:00 p.m.
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
ZOOM

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>Oppenheimer acquisition is interesting, and Baker House. Bathtub Row prospect. Learning about pros and cons with State, and one year plan with Board.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p><i>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</i></p> <p><i>We are not a policing board, but an advising Board. Likes guiding citizens and helping, not policing. Challenges are giving the messages to citizens and making sure the public feels they have a channel to guidance.</i></p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>Now has a better understanding of the Board roles and does filtering and reconnaissance to prepare for presenting to Council. I think we provided a good presentation to Council.</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p>Important for Councilors to attend as liaisons. Staff takes good records to distill information for Council and citizen review.</p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p>Ambassador program is a great course to understand LA history that I attended. Good materials provided. Don't mind learning "from the seat of the pants", but maybe a little more "hand holding" could be helpful. Need to have acronyms spelled out to better understand.</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>Like to give another 6-9 months before providing suggestions. Like that the Board doesn't digress.</p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board?</p> <p>No.</p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p>No.</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>How many needed for quorum? 5 members total, so 3 members required to reach quorum.</p>
11	<p><i>[interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</i></p>

Notes

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LOS ALAMOS

County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Loretta Weiss

Applicant's Name

Patrick Moore

Interviewer Name

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Board or Commission

Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

ZOOM

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1	<p>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <p>Space scientist background, been in LA since 1990, extensive travel and training.</p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>Pros and cons of the importance of preservation. Assisted with the editing of the approved plan for the HPAB.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues? <i>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</i></p> <p>Like that we aren't a policing board but a support board. Helps the community with understanding preservation and processes.</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>Had no idea of how board operated previously, but now do. We do some filtering and it is our job to support with research or to find the experts—such as those with the Rose Garden or with the Historical Society—for support. We play an important role .</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p>That Councilor Hand is present helps as she provide connection with board. Hasn't attended Council meeting, but good to know there is a link between our board and the Council.</p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p>Participating in the Ambassador program and training. A lot of good materials out there as well that she has become aware of.</p> <p>Could use some additional "hand holding" on acronyms and county processes. Perhaps a half hour session on how county works could help. Do have the handbook which is a valuable resource.</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>Don't have anything to offer with confidence yet, as only been on the board for a few months, but find meetings to be efficient and productive. Like we don't wander too far from the topic.</p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board?</p> <p>No</p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to " live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p>No</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>Size of board and support structure.</p>
11	<p><i>[interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</i></p>

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