
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?

Parks and Recreation: Submitted

Jerry

First Name

Cowan

Last Name

Middle
Initial

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) *

☒ Democrat

ATTACHMENT B

Jerry Cowan

How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?

64 years

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

from a county councilor

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.)

PRB

Community Service

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

Vice chair of PRB, OSWG, ELWG, BPWG

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

I am retired now. I previously was a licensed contractor for 35 years, working in Los Altos county primarily.

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

I graduated from LAHS in 1970

Interests & Experiences

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

I am a life long resident of Los Alamos and am active in sports, hiking, and many other outdoor activities. Recently retired, I have time to invest in advocating for improving the existing parks and recreation facilities in town, as well as planning for new or expanded parks and recreation facilities.

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.)

In general I would like to see our parks and sport facilities fixed up where necessary, and added to where possible. In specific, our softball fields at Overlook Park are in the worst condition I have seen in the 40 years I have played on them. The tennis courts on North Mesa and Barranca Mesa need resurfacing, The golf course renovation project is still waiting on delayed maintenance work. As a sports facilities user, I have a vested interest in seeing these facilities restored to excellent playing conditions.

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.

Yes. I have served one term on the PRB

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

I have spent time on the LA softball League Board, I volunteered as a coach for many years for youth soccer and Little League baseball. I volunteered time for trail work and tree planting projects in our open spaces/forests.

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?

As a recent retiree, I have enough free time for meetings and training sessions.

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

General

Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please list dates and department.

Are you related to any employee of Los Alamos County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate name and relationship.

Josh Cowan. son

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.

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 FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Jerry Cowan
Applicant's Name

Brian Watkins
Interviewer Name

PRB
Board or Commission

10/30/25 @ 0800
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 ZOOM
 Telephone

In person

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	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? Positive: community participation. Negative: Conflicting positions within community, and balancing those.
2	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? Subcommittee to working group change. Working groups get a lot done.
3	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? [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.] North Mesa park plan. Attendance & participation in PRB.

10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel? No
11	<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> N/A

Notes

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



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**BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM**

J. Lowan
Applicant's Name

Porter Rec
Board or Commission

D. Reager
Interviewer Name

10/30/25 8am
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
____ ZOOM
____ Telephone
in person

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	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? <u>Lots of people in LA want to participate in the process.</u> <u>Many conflicts between the public and consultants</u>
2	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? <u>more effective collection of public input.</u>
3	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? [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.] <u>N. Mesa park plan - more of a program, not an issue,</u> <u>Many other commitments of board members</u>

10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel? <i>None</i>
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Jerry Cowan
Applicant's Name

PRB
Board or Commission

Wendy Parker
Interviewer Name

10/30/25 - 8AM
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:

 ZOOM

 Telephone

IN person

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	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? Positive - People in community wanting to participate in programs Negative - Conflicting positions of community vs. Consultants on their assigned mandate.
2	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? Staff change on working groups! Found work on getting assignment completed, has become more effective than before
3	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? [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.] North Mesa Master Plan is the largest issue. Asked SSW to review the community concern. - Board Participation & working groups. w/ council. in mind.

10	Do you have any questions of the interview panel?
	No
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