
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?

Environmental Sustainability: Submitted

Erik

First Name

Loechell

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 A

Erik Loechell

How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?

14 years

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Talked with Angelica Gurule

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.)

Environmental Sustainability Board

Community Service

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

I have previously served on the Environmental Sustainability Board

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

I currently work for N3B LLC as the Director of the Interface Office with Triad. I have also been a Project Manager of the Aggregate Area Soil Remediation Program. Worked as Environmental Consultant for EnviroCo in New Zealand Worked as a Environmental Professional at Los Alamos National Laboratory

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

University of Denver- Masters of Science- Environmental Policy and Management- Emphasis on Energy and Sustainability University of Colorado, Boulder- Bachelors of Arts- Business Management Project Management Professional Certification Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Associate

Interests & Experiences

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

I am deeply passionate about environmental sustainability and would love to see the county adapt more sustainable principles. I have a Masters degree in Environmental Policy and Management with an emphasis on Energy and Sustainability and a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate certification. I believe my background and knowledge would be of benefit to the board and the community. I would love to see the county be more sustainable through further education programs, a plastic bag ban, and organics collection.

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 love to finish implementing food recycling for the County. My vision is that we have a large, bear proof food collection dumpster based near the highschool track parking lot where the glass and cardboard recycling exist. Coinciding with the implementation of the dumpster would be a program to promote/provide organics collection containers (small less than 5 gallon bins) for people to have at home and use with compostable bags. People could then collect their organics at home in the bin and drop-off the organics at the dumpster. With the county already collecting yard trimmings and composting them along with the biproduct from the waste treatment facility, the county could then add the food collection to the compost, if possible.

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 served on the board from 2016 to 2018, and 2021-2024 and interact with several of the board members on a casual basis.

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

I served on the Environmental Sustainability Board from 2016 to 2018 and 2021-2024. During that time I worked on several projects, including the implementation on the yard trimming roll carts. I work as an Environmental Project Manager for N3B with a focus on Environmental Remediation. My projects include work on Los Alamos County and Los Alamos National Laboratory property for the aggregate area soil remediation program.

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

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.

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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?

☐ 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

Erik Loechell
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Shannon Blair,
Interviewer Name

August 29, 2025, @ 8:30
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 Telephone
X Remote/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, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission. Erik Loechell, ESB member twice. 1 st time – yard trimmings. 2 nd time – food waste collection, bear bins. Background – stormwater, waste, soil remediation, environmental policy and management. Project manager and run the interface Office. Generally, just passionate about sustainability – concerned about waste leaving the hill, etc. Experience with LEED design.
2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? Wants to join because he's passionate about sustainability. Unique time right now to impact the community especially with Angelic's new position. Would like to get the food composting program to the finish line!
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? Time – getting public input and it makes financial sense too deploy. One thing won't fix anything and having the time/patience To implement things is a challenge. ESB does not have any power so we can only make suggestions. Setting milestones and ID'ing The next step that we want to take.
4	<i>Insert a board/commission specific question here.</i> Have you been hearing stuff about ESB in your off? Mostly just using the farmers market, events, etc. Good about approaching people. Suggest piggy backing off the DPU bill
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? Likes to have a schedule about how we will approach things. Experience supporting Angelica and has a background on getting Things through to county council. Continuous improvement!

6	What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in? Ski Patrol for 13 years.
7	Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application? No questions
8	Do you have any other questions for the interview panel? What is the big thing ESB is doing?

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1	Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission. Erik Loechell served as a member on the ESB previously for two terms. He helped implement the yard trimming program that is extremely popular with the community. He also contributed to the research of the organics composting program.
2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? He's extremely passionate about sustainability and wants to continue improving our local initiatives.
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? The biggest challenge facing the ESB is gathering public input; and setting milestones to ensure progress towards sustainability initiatives.
4	<i>Insert a board/commission specific question here.</i> As a community member has ESB efforts been on your radar? Yes, he stays informed on ESB business. But, he doesn't use social media, so he has engaged with the ESB at farmer's market or other booths.
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? He has experiences serving on the ESB and understands some of the challenges we face as a board.

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>He has been part of ski patrol for over a decade.</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>No.</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>What are some of the initiative ESB is currently working on? Plastic bag research, fleet conversion and community-wide EV Charging plan, expanding EV infrastructure, climate marketing and engagement services.</p>

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ESB
Board or Commission

Ryn Herrmann
Interviewer Name

8/29/25
Date/Time of Interview

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1	Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission. Served on this board 2x in past. Got yard waste bins in. Got bear proof bins in. Works for N3B and LANL b4 that. Runs interface office between the two. Deeply passionate about sustainability.
2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? Exciting time to be on ESB. Left about a year ago. He has a great personal and work background for this. Working on paths forward w county landfill. Very familiar w that arena. He has ESB/DOE/EM hats to keep separate, but can do that. Is excited to get back to this work
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? Multi-tiered approach. Get public input, educate, & deploy. Fun part is research and homework. Define which milestones we want to achieve and get them done. Set milestones and get them done.
4	<i>Insert a board/commission specific question here.</i> He needs to catch up since he has been off the board for a year. Gets his info from linked in and going to farmers market, or some event. Better outreach could be monthly DPU bill.
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? Experience of what works & what doesn't. Likes to have a schedule to push things along. Works well with Angelica.

6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>Ski patrol at Pajarito, which he enjoys. Excited to get back to ESB</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>No</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Discussed possible single use plastic bag ban.</p>

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