
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 Denise Cassel at 505-662-8047.

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.

Erik

First Name

Loechell

Middle Initial

Last Name

Street Address

City

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

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

☒ Other

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☐ Yes ☒ No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Talked with Angelica Gurule

ATTACHMENT B

Erik Loechell

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

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Environmental Sustainability: Submitted

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 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 2021-2022. 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

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 implement an 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 2021-2022 and interact with several of the board members on a casual basis.

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



County Manager's Office

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

Erik Loechell
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

D. Izraelvitz
Interviewer Name

1pm 7/14/22
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 x ZOOM
 Telephone

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>Excited that we enacted some changes, such as yard trimming carts, bear bins, looked at food composting – super enjoyed. Not any negatives. People are excited and appreciative. There more to do about composting.</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>Able to get yard trimming, bear bins. Did a lot of education. Having a background in sustainability was helpful.</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>Not many issues. Bear bin rollout will be complex. We explored pay as you throw. Continue to do outreach and communication and work with schools to keep diverting and stop waste at source. Figuring out issues related to food composing.</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>Basically a pathway for citizens to have a voice and educate the public about issues. No other suggestions</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>I think we are good on communications.</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>Training about legal issues, quorum issues, public meetings. No improvement noted. Attended training on open meetings.</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>No suggestions. Staff has been very helpful.</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 deterrent</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 deterrent</p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p>No.</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

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

Erik Loechell
Applicant's Name

ESB
Board or Commission

Makayla Cui
Interviewer Name

July 14, 2022 1pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
X ZOOM
____ Telephone

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>- Have been able to enact change! - bear carts - round up - composting - bio canyon</p> <p>- no negatives</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>- yard trimmings carts / diversion - bear carts - lots of out reach - recycle - feasibility study</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>[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.]</p> <p>- No issues. - continue implementation - continue to out reach to community & schools</p> <p>• source reduction • costs + investments</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It's a pathway for citizens to have a voice voice - an education conduit to county council - look out for county - help to move in the direction community members prefer. - No suggestions. Except we need more Angeliza's ☺
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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are good because of good county council representatives - Overlap + interest - "Top notch"
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - language use - rules about quorum - materials sent out - no suggestions
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no suggestions - it's a solid board and fun!
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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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no concern
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no questions

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Board or Commission

Angelica Gurulé
Interviewer Name

July 14, 2022
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Interview Conducted:
X ZOOM
____ Telephone

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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>Positive - been able to implement change in community. Ex. Yard trimming carts, Bear bins, food waste is in progress and under consideration</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yard trimming carts• Bear Resistant carts• Education + Outreach for new programs
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>[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.]</p> <p>ESB has explored SAYT to reduce waste + cost also educating residents is important.</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>ESB is a pathway for citizens to have a voice. ESB also acts as education for special topics that require experts. - No suggestions.</p>
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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>Having an active Council liaison to ESB. is very helpful. Our current liaison is top notch.</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>Yes. BIC orientation manual • Robert Rules of Order</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>None. ESB is a solid board.</p>
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