
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.

Michael

First Name

Wheeler

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) *

☒ Democrat

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

from the president of the historical society

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Michael Wheeler

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.)

Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Lodgers' Tax Advisory: Submitted

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

This board is vital for our county's tourism business

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

I served on the council from 2003 to 2011.

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?

since I'm retired I have sufficient time to serve on the lodgers tax board.

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 like to help with enhancing county tourism and the connection to the Historical Society.

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.

Not since I retired from the council.

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?

There could be issues related to the Historical Society for which I may need to recuse myself.

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

Michael Wheeler
Applicant's Name

LTAB
Board or Commission

Jennifer Olsen
Interviewer Name

Feb 8, 2023
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 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>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>Los Alamos Historical Society. Retired Mech E from the Lab – County Council. Parks and Rec Board. The county needs To put some resources into the tourism industry.</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>Coutny – Housing and sufficient land for commercial development LTAB – Do we have an ordinance regarding short term rentals?</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>The boards and commissions are advisory. LTAB has a little more authority as to the budget of revenues from the Lodger's Tax.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Board members need to be engaged with the community – Mike is engaged and has been engaged. These boards and commissions Are vital to the democratic process. We need the community input.</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>The staff runs the county and the council sets the policy. The Board or Commission needs to work closely with staff so that We aren't recommending things that aren't outside the scope of work or outside the goals of the council.</p>

6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&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>Most of the effort in the last 5 years was the Historical Society. There were serious staffing issues during part of that. Executive Advisor to the current board. Served on the board of the Oppenheimer Society – Lecture and Scholarships. Important to act Regionally.</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>Yes – Used to carry a copy of the charter. LTAB authority still is unknown.</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. – Attendance at all meetings.</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>No</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&Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve?</p> <p>Not a problem</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>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Michael Wheeler

LTAB

Applicant's Name

Board or Commission

Randall Ryti

Wed 2/8/23

Interview Conducted:

Interviewer Name

Date/Time of Interview

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___ Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
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>Retired mechanical engineer served on Council and Parks and Rec Board, interested in County putting resources into tourism, that is the future for us [the County]</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>County: housing and sufficient land for commercial LRAB: is the County developing short term rental ordinance?</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Boards are advisory to County Council, LTAB does have some authority on the tax revenues</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Engaged with the community, and he feels he has that Board and commissions are vital be getting community input on specific issues</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>Staff runs the County, Council set the policy. Board has to work closely with the staff. Make sure that recommendations don't fall outside of policy or staff preferences</p>

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6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&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>Mostly with LAHS, been President for two years with major staff issues. Advisor to executive committee. Been on the Board of the Oppenheimer Memorial Fund - lecture and give scholarships. Opportunity for regional collation and benefit</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>For the most part yes, used to carry around a copy of the charter. Not fully clear on the way tax spending is approved</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>No</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>N/A</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Prefer face to face meetings, are these in person – answer we have hybrid option, but official location is Municipal Building Long agenda – reports are included but meant to answer questions if any</p>

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County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Mike Wheeler
Applicant's Name

LTAB
Board or Commission

Kelly Stewart
Interviewer Name

Wed Feb 8 10AM
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
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 Telephone

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#	Question/Documented Response
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>Retired from Lab (mechanical engineer). Served on Council, Parks & Rec. Interested because County needs to invest more in tourism.</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>For county, housing and sufficient land for commercial development. For LTAB, do we have ordinance regarding short term rentals.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>BCCs are advisory to the county council. LTAB has some authority regarding LT revenues and how they're spent.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Board members need to be engaged with the community and he has that expertise. It's important because BCCs are vital to our democratic process, to address – getting input to Council.</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>County staff run the county; the Council sets the policy. The BCC must work closely with staff to ensure board is not recommending actions that can't be implemented.</p>
6	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&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>Most effort with LAHS. Was president during several years during time when there were serious issues with staff that were successfully resolved. Also serve on J. Robert Oppenheimer Memorial Committee which hosts an annual lecture as well as scholarships for local and regional students. Important to act regionally.</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>For the most part, yes. Used to carry around a copy of the charter in his briefcase as a reminder. Per LTAB, not clear how much authority LTAB has with regard to LTRs and recommendations to Council.</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. Will attend all meetings, including the annual presentation to Council.</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>No.</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>N/A</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>Prefer face-to-face meetings.</p> <p>LTAB agenda seems very ambitious.</p>

Notes: Councilor Ryti shared that at Feb 7 meeting, Council approved 22 Council Strategic Goals. Economics is one with 5-6 items, including Tourism. All will be presented on a dashboard to see progress made on each goal. Allows for goals that are longer lead, continuous improvement. Exciting time for board members to participate.