
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.

Robert

First Name

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Middle Initial

Dryja

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) *

☒ Independent

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

☒ Yes ☐ No

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Todd Nichols, History staff member contacted me.

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?

Historic Preservation Advisory Board: Submitted

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

This provides a way to associate with people who have a similar interest in the history of Los Alamos and want to maintain this history in various ways.

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

I have been a volunteer greeting visitors at Hans Bethe House. I also have greeted visitors coming to the Los Alamos and White Rock Visitor Centers for past five years, referring them to History Museum.

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, I can donate the needed time for training and then helping with specified projects.

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 written a monthly column for the LA Daily Post for the past eight years called the Amateur Naturalist. I could expand this interest in writing by including historical events that have affected the natural setting around Los Alamos.

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.

No prior involvement.

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 issues.

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

ROBERT DRYJA
Applicant's Name

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
Board or Commission

PETE SHEEHY
Interviewer Name

11/4/2020 10 AM
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>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>VOLUNTEER FOR HISTORY MUSEUM & CALDERA RESEARCH. 30 YR HEALTH CARE MGMT CAREER, SOME MEDICAL RESEARCH. 10 YEARS AGO RETIRED, BECAME INVOLVED IN LAEWR VISITOR CENTERS - 5 YRS DOCENT. ON BOARD OF RETIREMENT CMTY & SOMBRILLO. ON 'FAITH & SCIENCE FORUM' BOARD, HAVE BEEN DOING ZOOM MEETINGS.</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? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>COUNTY: CORONAVIRUS IMPACT ON BUSINESSES HISTORIC PRESERVATION: STILL LEARNING. COLINGER TELLS HIM OPPENHEIMER HOST ABOUT TO BECOME PART OF MUSEUM; NEEDS WORK. HOW MUCH IMPACT ON HISTORIC TOURISM WILL COVID HAVE.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>BOARDS (ADVISORY) RECOMMEND ACTIONS. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT. EXPERIENCE WITH MANY VISITORS AT VISITOR CENTER - LOTS OF VISITORS WANT TO SEE OPPENHEIMER HOUSE.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>BACKGROUND LIVING IN LOS ALAMOS, CALDERA, BANDEJER. VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE GOOD. WORK WELL ON GROUP CONSENSUS TO FIND PRIORITIES, LOOK AT FUNDING, FINANCIAL MGMT.</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>COMMUNICATE - TALK TALK TALK - LIKE TO MEET FACE-TO-FACE. DO HOMEWORK, PASS ON INFORMATION.</p>

6	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? LARC, OVERSEEING ASPEN RIDGE & SOMBRILLO, WORKING WITH MGMT. COMPANY, FAITH & SCIENCE GROUP, VALLE'S CALDERA GROUP.
7	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? NEEDS TO DISCUSS, HAVE READ SOME.
8	Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? YES – VISITOR CENTER CLOSED FOR FORSEEABLE
9	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? NO. USED TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO DAILY POST ARTICLES,
10	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? NO. PEER HAS WEEKLY BIG ZOOM MEETINGS.
11	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] INVITED HIM TO 530 HPAB ZOOM MEETING,
12	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? HOW MUCH TIME NEEDED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS? VARIOUS PROJECTS GOING ON, BUT NOT VERY MUCH OUTREACH LATELY. NOT TOO DEMANDING, PERHAPS START SOME NEW SMALL PROJECTS, POSSIBLY WITH BOY SCOUTS.

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BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Robert Dryja
Applicant's Name

Historic Preservation
Board or Commission

Patrick Moore
Interviewer Name

11/4/2020
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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>COVID for immediate issues facing county and concern for tourism and businesses. Identified issues relating to Oppenheimer House for this board. Certainly an appropriate issue to identify as he hasn't done any in-depth research into our activities or attended a meeting.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Understandings the line of advisory for decision making. Added value in seeing importance of financial oversight related to board activities.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>"Talk, talk, talk" (his own statement). He is engaging and likes to communicate issues with locals and visitors alike. This fits well with our plans for communicating importance of preservation and board activities to the public. Brings an enthusiasm for Los Alamos and history to the position. Background and understanding of planning.</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>Building on background with volunteer activities throughout town and building bridges between groups.</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>Highlighted again work with visitor operations and Historical Society. Major accomplishment in writing regular articles for Daily Post for PEEC that had a considerable reach across not just Los Alamos but the virtual world as well.</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>He is not but willing to research.</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>Yes.</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>Yes.</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> <p>Good question on time commitments. Illustrated a willingness to be engaged and undertake projects and activities as needed.</p>

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Robert Dayja
Applicant's Name

HPAB
Board or Commission

Barbara Lai
Interviewer Name

11/4/2020
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
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☐ Telephone

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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><i>2 perspectives - Career in health care management - medical schools research. Involved with Visitor Center LA+WR - Boards</i></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? [Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's position, please explore a little more.]</p> <p><i>1. COVID impact 2. Spine Dodge House - Opprobrium House to County Lots of history to preserve.</i></p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p><i>Board would decide - but advisory board makes decisions to move forward to Council for final decision. Worked at Visitor Center</i></p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p><i>specific skills - background living in LA - know hx of community, Caldera + Bandelier - some hx knowledge. Works with group consensus & set priorities. Financial mgmt.</i></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><i>Talk Talk, Talk - meet and talk with people on projects - do background - Challenge - what board is & how it can matter.</i></p>

S	6 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? <i>committees - LA Retirement, Faith + Science Forum Gathered sheepherding data.</i>
B	7 Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>Read - The Ordinance - and talk to people to learn more how it works.</i>
P	8 Are you willing to take the time to attend training sessions to become more knowledgeable about your duties and responsibilities in an advisory capacity? <i>yes - schedule the time.</i>
S	9 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? <i>used</i>
B	10 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? <i>Not an issue -</i>
P	11 [Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>moving into next phase - Public input -</i>
S	12 Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>Mesa Market - work closely with other entities.</i>

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