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**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.*

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**Profile**

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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.

David \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ Sarnowski \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Street Address Suite or Apt  
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City State Postal Code

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Email Address

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Primary Phone Alternate Phone

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

☒ Republican

**Registered to vote in Los Alamos?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?**

Online

ATTACHMENT E

David E Sarnowski

**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.)**

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## **Interests & Experiences**

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Board of Public Utilities: Submitted

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

I am a long time Los Alamos resident, and I really would like to give back to my community. As a construction manager who has specialized in heavy civil and utilities projects, I would be able to provide a unique perspective that will be beneficial to the Board of Public Utilities.

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

Through my construction career, I have worked on projects that includes roads, bridges, heavy infrastructure, and utilities. With this experience, I am well versed in the International Building Codes requirements as well as the practical knowledge of fixing and building utilities. This skill is essential to this position. I have also had a great deal of experience in oral and written presentations discussing these projects with non-construction people in order to help them understand what's going on in simple terms. This skill will help to relay information to the public while on this board. As a construction manager, I am required to maintain a budget and a schedule. My budgeting skills can be very helpful on this board to run the public utilities.

**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 am happy to give back my time to the community, and I will make sure to have this position be a priority for me.

**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 am interested in helping to make our infrastructure more efficient. In particular, I am interested in our waterlines. I would like to see how we can make our system more efficient and less wasteful considering how precious a resource it is here in 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.

**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?**

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No.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lai at 505-663-3436 or [barbara.lai@lacnm.us](mailto:barbara.lai@lacnm.us)

DAVID SARNOWSKI

Applicant's Name

James Robinson

Interviewer Name

Interview Conducted:

☐ In person ☒ Online ☐ Phone

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 11:00 am (Zoom)

Date & Time of Interview

**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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Los Alamos resident. Grew up in the Jemez, but went to school here. Got into construction at a young age.</li> <li>Heavy equipment operator.</li> <li>No college education but have a lot of construction skills. Project management, causal analysis.</li> <li>Worked all over the world.</li> </ul>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water is the greatest issue. Sustainability of our water. Seeing many rivers going dry. Would like to see where Los Alamos is going so we can prosper for another 50 years.</li> </ul>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the DPU?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Los Alamos is very restricted in topography. Have issues with supply and demand on our various utilities.</li> <li>The County has done a pretty good job getting them fixed, but bills are trickling up.</li> <li>Want to be more fiscally conservative to make sure we are using our resources reasonably and with new technology.</li> </ul>
4	<p>How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How do you perceive the role of Board members in interacting with DPU staff and County Council?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Believes in teamwork. Not a politician. Want integrated management. Want to communicate to make it better and easier.</li> <li>Plenty of experts.</li> <li>Very pro on teamwork to plan and execute a project.</li> </ul>
5	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership. Always find a solution, don't bring up problems. Find a solution and bring it up.</li> <li>Big communicator</li> <li>Have lots of experience in project management.</li> </ul>

6	<p>What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication. If you don't know something, ask.</li> </ul>
7	<p>As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning and listening to other board members to get their concerns.</li> <li>• You have to learn, and collaborate.</li> </ul>
8	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&amp;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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First time applying for any board</li> </ul>
9	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't know all the county ordinance but familiar with construction codes (IBC).</li> </ul>
10	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes</li> </ul>
11	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>
12	<p>Currently, the BPU “live streams” their meetings, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No</li> </ul>
13	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewables: there is no shame in renewables. It is the technology we should embrace. PW caused by multiple failures on many levels. Shouldn't blame the renewables. We should look into our own systems to make sure they are up to date. Texas was not prepared. They are a closed system, they cannot switch over to another generator or power supply. There are technologies we can embrace to make sure we are prepared. Don't believe battery technology for the whole power.</li> </ul>
14	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

NOTES:

DAVID SARNOWSKI  
Applicant's Name

Interview Conducted:  
☐ In person ☒ Online ☐ Phone

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 11:00 am (Zoom)  
Interviewer Name Date & Time of Interview

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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>New applicant. Local raised in Jemez. Los Alamos high school. Worked all around the world and came home</p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County?</p> <p>Mostly worried about sustainability of the water. Part of rafting and rivers people</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the DPU?</p> <p>Living in a very restricted area on plateau. Need fiscal conservative, but need new technology..</p>
4	<p>How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How do you perceive the role of Board members in interacting with DPU staff and County Council?</p> <p>Training</p>
5	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Always try to find solutions, focus on solutions, always have many problems need solutions</p>

6	<p>What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU?</p> <p>Communicaiton is big p[roblem</p>
7	<p>As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County?</p> <p>Learning and listening from the board members.</p>
8	<p>Have you served on any Boards, Commissions or Committees (not only County B&amp;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>First time applying for any board.</p>
9	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <p>IBC is universal. AWP for water</p>
10	<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>
11	<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 problem.</p>
12	<p>Currently, the BPU “live streams” their meetings, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve?</p> <p>No problem.</p>
13	<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><i>jRenewables should be embraced.Power outages due to equipment and substations. Not enough battery</i></p>
14	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>What do you want? What is the commitment?</p>





# LOS ALAMOS

Department of Public Utilities

## LOS ALAMOS COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES (BPU) INTERVIEW PANEL QUESTIONS, MAY 2021

DAVID SARNOWSKI  
Applicant's Name

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Interviewer Name

Interview Conducted:  
☐ In person ☐ Online ☐ Phone

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 11:00 am (Zoom)  
Date & Time of Interview

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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>BQ → grew up in Los Alamos &amp; Jemez Mts, Construction BG, utilities construction, project management. Worked in many countries on construction projects</p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County?</p> <p>1. water, sustainability of water resources</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the DPU?</p> <p>1. Supply &amp; demand of utilities (water, electricity) 2. Being more physically conservative on resources</p>
4	<p>How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How do you perceive the role of Board members in interacting with DPU staff and County Council?</p> <p>1. Construction manager, believes in teamwork, communication to explore options to problems &amp; solutions 2. look at bigger picture</p>
5	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>1. leadership. Always look for solution, planning, communication. 2. On short time to answers are short.</p>



6	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU? <i>1. Communication. If you don't understand a problem, then ask questions until you find answer.</i>
7	As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County? <i>Learning &amp; listening to problems &amp; proposed solutions. Collaboration w/ others.</i>
8	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>None.</i>
9	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>IBC, doesn't know all County codes. But construction codes are part of it he is familiar.</i>
10	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.</i>
11	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>No problem with this requirement. Will use County email system.</i>
12	Currently, the BPU "live streams" their meetings, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? <i>No.</i>
13	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>1. Recent power outage in Texas ⇒ renewables + battery backup. No shame in embracing technology. Blame ⇒ substation failures. 2. Look at other states for their experiences &amp; solutions. 3. Los Alamos should be a leader in technology.</i>
14	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>Yes. Technology available to support entire grid. Still need fossil fuels to support grid for now. ① What would you want from me if I were selected? Ans. Mr. Shelton explained process &amp; Council interviews on June 8<sup>th</sup>. BPU project &gt; \$200,000 goes to Council for approval. Issues before BPU ⇒ wastewater plant, infrastructure ② How does Los Alamos &amp; wants to serve!</i>

David Sarnowski

Applicant's Name

Philo Shelton

Interviewer Name

Interview Conducted:

☐ In person ☒ Online ☐ Phone

5-6-21 11 AM

Date & Time of Interview

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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>→ Local Los Alamos and got into Construction Superintendent of Utilities &amp; Construction.</p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County?</p> <p>Water is a great issue / what is our Sustainability Plan. Active Reflector.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the DPU?</p> <p>Mesa Top / supply demand for electric + water and wastewater Treatment Plant are we using our funds in right way New Technologies.</p>
4	<p>How do you perceive the role of the BPU in local government? How do you perceive the role of Board members in interacting with DPU staff and County Council?</p> <p>He believes in teamwork. Integrate w Council and Staff. It is about communicating Plan ahead to make projects successful.</p>
5	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Leadership - Find solutions for problems Constructability / Communicator</p>



6	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU? <i>Communication. If you don't know - Ask Good team relies on other team members</i>
7	As a board member, what actions would you take to make sure that you have enough input to accurately represent the interests of the citizens and ratepayers of Los Alamos County? <i>Learning and listening to prior and current board member / Collaboration.</i>
8	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>First time on board</i>
9	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>IBC but don't know County Charter.</i>
10	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</i>
11	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>No problem.</i>
12	Currently, the BPU "live streams" their meetings, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? <i>No.</i>
13	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] <i>Renewables is a technologies / Sub stations wind generators froze / have old technologies How northern States are better prepared and look at best practices</i>
14	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? <i>Meeting Requirements</i>