
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.

Cornell

First Name

G

Middle Initial

Wright, Jr

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?

My current term on the BPU is expiring.

ATTACHMENT F

Cornell G Wright, Jr

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.)

Board of Public Utilities

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'd like to serve the community in a way that makes use of my professional skills and experience. I have been serving on the board since my appointment in July 2020 and as chair since January 2021. The BPU works with the Utilities Department, County Council and the community in a broad number of circumstances that make good use of my expertise and capabilities. I would like to continue to serve on the board.

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

I have been serving on the board since my appointment in July, 2020 and as chair since January 2021. I find the responsibilities of the BPU to be wide-ranging and a good fit with my skills and interests. I believe I am making a real contribution to the board and would like to continue to do so. With degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science and 40 years of professional experience at IBM and LANL I was involved in many different aspects of large and complex engineering projects. My experience of serving on the board for the last year shows that this provides a good background for understanding and contributing to the BPU's oversight of the projects undertaken by the DPU.

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'm impressed with our county-owned utility structure and I'd like to help ensure its long-term success through good planning and decisions which are technically and economically sound. I'm interested in smart meter privacy, alternative electric pricing models and nuclear power generation, among many other areas of the department. I would like to continue in my role as chair for the remainder of the year and then help the board and department focus on the transitions in our utilities that will be needed in the coming years and decades.

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.

I am currently serving as board chair. As a result I have frequent contact with board members, department staff and County Councilors.

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

CORNELL WRIGHT

Applicant's Name

James Robinson

Interviewer Name

Interview Conducted:

☐ In person ☒ Online ☐ Phone

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 10:30 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"> Engineer with pretty good people and business skills. Degrees in electrical engineering and computer science. 40-year career with LANL including management. Hardware and microcode and ended into supercomputing.
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing is a big issue, and coping with the labs expanding mission. GRT has been resolved. Infrastructure – there is work to be done, and it is being done with care, but could be expanded. Business diversity is hard. One company town. Reflected by the depressed state of downtown. Online shopping and new habit have hurt.
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the DPU?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big projects like AMI, UAMPS, WRWWTP. Energy is going to change greatly. There is going to be a move away from fissile fuels. Seeing this in EV. If we need as much energy to power new electric vehicles, we will need more power/ If we remove gas, we will need more energy. We need to get out in front of it and really technology and economically sensible.
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"> Look at BPU semi-independent committee of the county council. Independence, but also a creature of the council. Try to support the counties overall priority. Technical staff for the utilities Need to remain independent. Other communities have not done that and it has lead to issues. Formal relationship is through the DPU manager and staff, and informal County staff. Reach out to work with people to get things done.
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"> Communication is very important. Upwards to the Council, downwards to the DPU and communicate with our customers in our county. Some technical background is needed. Project management. Knowing how a project is formed and being executed for the rate payers.

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"> • Listening and understanding other people's concerns, and communicate those concerns back. • Supervising the department – ensuring the department is presenting all the information the board needs so the council has access to it as well. • Important for the board to stay in its own swim lane. Council is political, board is technical. • DPU – supervision, but not micromanaging.
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"> • Talk to friends and neighbors so they know I can address concerns, • Good understanding of County projects, and specifically DPU projects • Participating in local events.
8	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently on the board – serving as its chair. Advocate for AMI privacy. • Norther New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board – took a year to get on the board, withdrew his application.
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"> • Read through them all a number of times.
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"> • Yes • Did a number of other trainings. DPU new employee orientation, UAMPS, seminars for energy trends
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"> • Clearly not
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"> • Hasn't been for the last year
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"> • Batteries/storage: a serious upcoming problem. NREL has batteries are higher than the cost of the solar system and limited use. Maintain our firm or dispatchable power sources until batteries become more affordable and available. Nuclear plant in Idaho is an excellent opportunity and continue to look for opportunities. We need firm power!
14	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In person meetings?

--	--

NOTES:

CORNELL WRIGHT
Applicant's Name

Interview Conducted:
☐ In person ☒ Online ☐ Phone

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 10:30 am (Zoom)
Interviewer Name 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> <p>Incumbent. Basically an Engineer with some business skills. Started in code and ended with supercomputing</p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County?</p> <p>Housing is the biggest issue. Infrastructure is old and needs to be replaced, Proceeding at a reasonable pace. Company town is not good for small business.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the DPU?</p> <p>Near term. Sewage Plant Long term Energy supply is a big change. Has to be technically and economically sensible.</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>BPU is a semi-independent committee of the council. Need low rates but have to maintain infrastructure. AMI needs careful privacy review.</p>
5	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Communication. Project Management.</p>

6	<p>What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU?</p> <p>Listening. Stay in your swim lane. Stay technical. Supervision is not telling the department where to dig.</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>Make sure you understand the projects. Participate in public functions</p>
8	<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>This board. Stepped up to chair.</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>Read them.</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. Understand IPRA. No.</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.</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>Serious problem with energy storage. Have to maintain base load as fully dispatchable. Very thoughtful articulate answer.</i></p>
14	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p>

NOTES: My first choice.

LOS ALAMOS

Department of Public Utilities

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

CORNELL WRIGHT

Applicant's Name

S. McLIN

Interviewer Name

Interview Conducted:

☐ In person ☐ Online ☐ Phone

Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 10:30 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> <p>BG ⇒ Engr w/ people & business skills. Recap of application ans. Edu ⇒</p>
2	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Housing 2. Coping w/ expanding CANL mission 3. BPU → infrastructure 4. Business diversity... company town 5. Pandemic procedures may put small businesses at disadvantages.
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the DPU?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AMI, UAMPS, WAWWT P 2. Energy sources will be changing over 2-3 decades 3. Elimate gas consumption over next 30yrs. <p>Need to procede in economically responsible way.</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>BPU is semi-independant part of local government, technical arm of government.</p> <p>BPU needs to represent customers</p> <p>AMI meeting w/ County lawyers on privacy issues</p>
5	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication - upwards to Council, laterally w/ DPU, and downward w/ customers. 2. Engr BG + project management skills.

6	<p>What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. listening to others, communication back 2. Role of supervising DPU - make sure DPU focuses on right problems 3. BPU should focus on technical + project management issues.
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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talk w/ friends + neighbors; 2. Good understanding of DPU projects 3. Participate on public events (luncheons, etc)
8	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Northern NM citizens Advisory Board; with drew application because LANL took over 1-yr to approve.
9	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read through them many times 2. Provides constraints & approved way to function
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. attended several seminars, meetings on related topics.</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>Clearly not.</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>Hasn't been for last year.</p>
13	<p>[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Question about battery backup to solar; costs
14	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>June 8th meeting for Councilors only? Zoom public. What about BPU candidates? James R. will clarify.</p>



Department of Public Utilities

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

Cornell Wright

Applicant's Name

Philo Shelton

Interviewer Name

Interview Conducted:

☐ In person ☒ Online ☐ Phone

5-6-21 / 10:30 AM

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	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. Engineer w/ people skills and business skills EE + computer systems Architecture / Super Computing.
2	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the County? Housing and coping w/ labs expanding mission Infrastructure is getting old - continue working in this area Business diversity is a problem
3	What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the DPU? Big Projects AMI, VAMPs, WWTP Energy supply is changing greatly Fossil fuels are phasing out. / Need to double power supply. Eliminate Gas Usage will require more power
4	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? BPU semi independence to Council / Appointed by Council Support County Priorities Speak up for infrastructure and rate payers Formal and informal
5	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? Communication to Council and down to DPU and communication w/ Customers. Outreach Events can be restored Save Engineering and project management well spent

6	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff, the County Council and the BPU? Listening and understand people's concerns. Dept is presented well and then to County Council. BPU stay in swim lane, Council is more political.
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? Speak w/ friends and neighbors, understanding of County projects / participate in public events
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? Appointed to BPU, Northern NM Citizen Board, Step up to Chair / Advocate for AMI
9	Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? Read them all and understand them
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. Yes / DPU orientation / VAMPS Conf
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? No
12	Currently, the BPU "live streams" their meetings, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? Has not been an issue.
13	[Interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the written answers this applicant provided as part of their application.] - He uses County email - Need Batteries for storage for renewables. - maintain firm and dispatchable power until batteries connect and nuclear power.
14	Do you have any questions for the interview panel? Will it be in person? Cristina