

**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 Mary Tapia at 505-662-8040.*

**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.

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

Planning and Zoning Commission: Submitted

Katherine

First Name

Bruell

Last Name

Middle Initial

[Redacted]

Street Address

Suite or Apt

Los Alamos

City

NM

State

87544

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

**Registered to vote in Los Alamos?**

Yes  No

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

Democrat

**How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?**

9 years

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

Board member

**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.)**

P&Z

**Community Service**

**List boards, commissions, committees, and organizations on which you are currently serving or have served. Include any offices held.**

Former Tourism Task Force member Former Lodger's Tax Advisory Board member

**Employment and Education**

**List your current and past employment experience.**

Former teacher, Los Alamos Public Schools Former librarian, Los Alamos County Library System Former administrator and teacher, UNM Los Alamos Adult Basic Education/ESL Former Executive Director, Pajarito Environmental Education Center Current Sr Business Operations Analyst, Department of Cultural Affairs, State of New Mexico

**List your current and past education including any professional or vocational licenses or certificates.**

BA, St John's College, Santa Fe MA, George Washington University State of NM Licensed K-12 teacher with endorsements in math, science, language, and library

**Interests & Experiences**

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

I'm passionate about preserving what we all love about Los Alamos while also being a welcoming and affordable place for everyone who wants to live here. I believe P&Z has a lot to do with both of those goals. I'm especially interested in working on the comprehensive plan update this coming year.

**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.)**

The goals I mentioned above.

**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.**

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I've served one term on the board.

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

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I've served a few terms on the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board. I was director of the Los Alamos Nature Center for 12 years. I read lots of nonfiction and stay current with issues around development, housing, etc.

**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?**

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Yes

**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.

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## **General**

**Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please list dates and department.**

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Mesa Public Library, 2000

**Are you related to any employee of Los Alamos County?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please indicate name and relationship.**

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**Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest in connection to your occupation or financial holdings in relation to your responsibilities as a member of the advisory body to which you seek appointment?**

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Yes  No

**If yes, please indicate any potential conflicts.**

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**Are you aware of the time commitment necessary to fulfill the obligations of the Board or Commission to which you seek appointment?**

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Yes  No

**Can you commit to approximately 10-15 hours per month to this Board or Commission to prepare for and attend monthly meetings and training as needed?**

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Yes  No

**Are you willing to participate in Board and Commission meetings that are recorded and may be live-streamed?**

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Yes  No

**Are you willing to have your name listed on the County Boards and Commissions public webpage?**

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Yes  No

If you have any questions, please contact Adrienne Lovato at 505-662-8293



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Katie Bruell
Applicant's Name

Planning & Zoning Commission
Board or Commission

Karen Easton
Interviewer Name

March 19, 2026 2:30pm
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
Personally
Telephone
x Remote/Teams

NOTE TO INTERVIEW PANEL: Please remember to use this interview as an opportunity to share Council's directives and guidance for B&C's.

Table with 2 columns: #, Question/Documented Response. Contains 4 rows of interview questions and answers.

5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission?  Understands the process and quasi-judiciary.
6	What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?  Director of PEEC 12 years, and various boards.
7	Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?  NA
8	Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?  NA

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Applicant's Name

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Board or Commission

Suzie Havemann  
Interviewer Name

March 19, 2026 2:30pm  
Date/Time of Interview

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 Personally  
 Telephone  
 Remote/Teams

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#	Question/Documented Response
1	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission.</p> <p>Has served on P&amp;Z past 3 yrs.</p>
2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?</p> <p>Excited about the Comp. Plan &amp; would like to continue pushing it through -- esp. more density downtown to serve residents at different stages of their lives -- aging in place, etc.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission?</p> <p>"We have a quorum now!"</p> <p>The # of variance applic's rec'd; should we change the code to be less onerous?</p> <p>Also mentioned density &amp; ADUs.</p>
4	<p>How would you approach a situation where the proposed project complies with the Development Code but you personally disagree with the project or feel it does not align with community sentiment?</p> <p>Have to approve or reject based on the criteria, period. Can't inject how she feels about a project.</p> <p>Noted that P&amp;Z is not a Design/Review Board.</p>

5	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission?</p> <p>Understands how it works -- the rules &amp; limitations          Can think issues through          She reads the agenda PKTs!</p>
6	<p>What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?</p> <p>E.D. of PEEC 12 yrs          Tourism Board          LTAB</p>
7	<p>Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?</p> <p>NO.</p>
8	<p>Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>NO.</p>

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BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

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Applicant's Name

Planning & Zoning Commission  
Board or Commission

Danyelle Valdez  
Interviewer Name

March 19, 2026 2:30pm  
Date/Time of Interview

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1	<p>Please tell us a little about yourself, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission.</p> <p>Is a current commissioner, just completed 1<sup>st</sup> term, is familiar with the PZC process, has experience and understands the code.</p>
2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?</p> <p>Excited about the comprehensive plan and code amendments, wants to continue to contributing and accomplishing community goals.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission?</p> <p>Quorum. Housing, parking and ADUs</p>
4	<p>How would you approach a situation where the proposed project complies with the Development Code, but you personally disagree with the project or feel it does not align with community sentiment?</p> <p>Votes with criteria, does not vote based off personal opinion.</p>

5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission?  Experience, institutional knowledge and understanding of process & procedure,
6	What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?  PEEC, Lodgers Tax Board, Tourism board.
7	Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?  No
8	Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?  No

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