

**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?**

County Health Council : Submitted

Leah	E	Blackwell
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Street Address	Suite or Apt	
City	State	Postal Code
Email Address		
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?**

1 year 10 months

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

Jenn Bartram

**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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**Community Service**

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

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**Employment and Education**

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

Los Alamos Visiting Nurses, chaplain/volunteer coordinator- current Los Alamos County Library System- WR branch. 1/23-10/24 Duluth Public Library, 2016-2021

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

MA, History, Texas Tech University, 2013 BA, History, Oklahoma Christian University, 2009

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**Interests & Experiences**

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

As LAVNS Chaplain and Volunteer Coordinator, I will be uniquely placed to connect families with resources and support during end of life care. Being a part of this council will help me stay informed and connected with other community leaders who share in this work and its goals.

**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 connect with other healthcare leaders to collaborate and share resources to best support our community.

**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

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

Hospice Chaplaincy with LAVNS

**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

**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

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## **General**

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

Yes  No

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

Library, 1/23/23-10/18/24

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

Yes  No

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

**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?**

Yes  No

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

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

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

# LOS ALAMOS

## County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Leah Blackwell      Health Council  
Applicant's Name      Board or Commission

Lisa Hampton      2/14/25 10:00 am  
Interviewer Name      Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
 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	Please tell us a little about yourself and then describe your experience, education, and training that qualify you for this Board or Commission. <i>3 years here. MS in history but work in libraries. Has been working in hospice. LAYN chaplain - volunteer coordinator. Learning a lot, new career change.</i>
2	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.] <i>Housing is a huge issue! Lack of medical care, Health Resources. Small community. Relationships &amp; strengths. Great place to start on the local level.</i>
3	How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? <i>most boards are advisory boards. Have a work plan and presents to county council. Overview will be presented at the next meeting.</i>
4	What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess? <i>Being the bridge between the county and the community. Being personable open-minded, good listener. "ministry of presence." Hospice has provided a whole new framework.</i>
5	What could you do, specifically, to foster a collaborative relationship between staff and the Board or Commission on which you would like to serve? <i>Small town, things online negative. Feel a sense of loyalty. Put out facts and separate feelings. Being supportive of those you work with. Use her roles to give input from her perspective.</i>

6	<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? <i>Have not worked on any B+C or volunteer committees. Blank Canvas.</i></p>
7	<p>Are you familiar with the County Charter and County Code as they apply to the Board you are applying for? <i>No</i></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? <i>Yes. Want to learn and be best and make connections. QPR and grief groups. More prevention aspects. Could participate on Prevention Working Group.</i></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? <i>No</i></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&amp;Cs to stream, is this - or will this - be a deterrent to your willingness to serve? <i>No</i></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? <i>Not at this time. Can invest in her learning. End of life care experience.</i></p>

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**County Manager's Office  
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

Leah Blackwell  
Applicant's Name

County Health Council  
Board or Commission

Randall Ryti  
Interviewer Name

Feb 14 2025, 10AM  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
  x   ZOOM  
       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>Moved to NM about 3 years, worked at libraries. Felt a calling to work in death and dying. Jenn Bartrum wanted to retire - been chaplain and volunteer coordinator. Processing death. Want to serve the community.</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. Housing is a huge issue. Could only find housing because husband has a great job. Lack of medical and mental health care. Love how the community is connected. Build on relationships and strengths. In a unique part of the state. What can we do on a small scale.</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>Not sure how to answer that question.</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>Being the bridge between the Health Council and the community. Personable, open minded. Listening. Not about me but being present. Overlaps with work at hospice. A ministry of presence.</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>Sense of loyalty. Advocate for those doing the work. There can be conflicts, so need to be aware of that.</p>

6	<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>Not in the last 5 years.</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>No</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>Absolutely, want to learn blah</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>na</p>
12	<p>Do you have any questions for the interview panel?</p> <p>yes</p>

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## County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Leah Blackwell  
Applicant's Name

LACHC  
Board or Commission

Jessica Strong  
Interviewer Name

2/14/15 10:00am  
Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:  
 ZOOM  
 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>- Moved to NM about 3 years, was in libraries/archives &amp; felt a calling to chaplaincy + deathcare. A real passion for helping people + families at end of life</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>1. Housing is a huge issue, especially being new here in the past couple of years</p> <p>2. Lack of medical + mental health resources, &amp; figuring out</p>
3	<p>How do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government?</p> <p>what we can do (even as a small town)</p> <p>This is my 1st time venturing into this world applying to a B&amp;C!</p>
4	<p>What specific skills do you feel are important for effective Board or Commission members? Which ones do you possess?</p> <p>- Being a bridge between community and the Health Council + leadership</p> <p>- Being personable, open-minded, good listening skills,</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>- Fostering kindness + sense of community, validating emotions with facts</p> <p>- Advocating for those doing the work</p>

6	<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>-None (on any Boards), but have worked for nonprofits + the County</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>-No</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>Absolutely!</p>
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