

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

Rebecca

First Name

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Middle Initial

White

Last Name

Street Address

City

Email Address

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Suite or Apt

State

Postal Code

Registered to vote in Los Alamos?

Yes No

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

Republican

How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?

5.5 years

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

County Council Meetings

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.)

Planning and Zoning

Community Service

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

Avalo, Inc. Board of Directors (current) Indigo Ag Scientific Advisory Board (current) Pluton Biosciences Scientific Advisory Board (current) Texas A&M University, Department of Biology External Advisory Board (current) Pebble Labs, Board of Directors Association of Former Students, Texas A&M University, Aggie Women, Board of Directors; Chair, Eminent Scholar Award Algae Biomass Organization, Board of Directors; Executive Director Algae Foundation, Board of Directors

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

Chief Commercial and Operations Officer, Avalo, Inc. (current) Chief Science Officer / Consultant, Redux Bio (current) CEO/CTO, Pebble Labs CTO/COO, Trait Biosciences VP Operations, iwi (Qualitas Health) For further details, please see <https://www.linkedin.com/in/rebeccalwhite/>

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

Ph.D., Microbiology, Texas A&M University, 2008 Hons. B.S. Biology, University of North Texas, 2001

Interests & Experiences

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

I am currently serving on Planning and Zoning, and would like to apply for a spot on the Health Council. I would like to help the county do more around health services, and in particular on mental health, especially for our youth.

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.)

Los Alamos county is a special place to live, and that comes with particular opportunities and challenges. I would like to ensure that we are able to both be proactive and to respond well to the challenges, in particular in matters of health and mental health. Youth mental health and well being is of particular interest to me, as a parent of a teenager and pre-teen, and how different life here is for our youth compared to other places.

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 direct involvement prior to serving on this board. As a commissioner on Planning and Zoning, I have had direct involvement with County Councilors.

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

I am trained as an executive coach, and help others navigate professional and personal challenges. I also mentor college aged students, recent graduates, and early professionals on their career paths and personal ambitions, and well being plays a large part in this. I have worked in the health, wellness and nutrition industry in the past, as a company executive, and am a healthcare advocate for my parents.

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, although I do have some travel for work during which I may need to join the meetings via zoom. Occasionally, my international travel precludes me from joining the meetings due to time differences. I have discussed this with the chair, and feel that it has not overly impacted my participation on Planning and Zoning.

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.

General

Have you ever worked for Los Alamos County?

Yes No

If yes, please list dates and department.

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?

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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



County Manager's Office
BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Rebecca White
 Applicant's Name

County Health Council
 Board or Commission

Lisa Hampton
 Interviewer Name

2/19/26 2:00 pm
 Date/Time of Interview

Interview Conducted:
 Personally
 Remote/Zoom

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, especially your experience and background related to this board/commission. PhD in Micro Biology and have worked in many Biological Organizations. Recruited to work at Pebble Labs and husband at LANL. Interested in getting involved in the community. Is on Planning and Zoning—has been educational. Business background. Mental health and access to health care and want to be an engaged Community member.
2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? Interested in becoming more involved and engaging for her family. (See #1)
3	What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission? So many determinants that impact health, green space Food access, medical care access, housing, stress of not being able to get providers. Some people who don't have networks, Social and financial resources that we have. How to help people get access to the things we need. Unraveling the knot.
4	<i>Insert a board/commission specific question here.</i> What areas of interest within the Health Council do you have? Public Outreach and bringing children to events. Tabling at concert. Other events as well, 4 th of July, Halloween, subject to work. Fairs at HS. Would like to reach out to teens and parents. PhD in Virology. Vaccine development in an article. Would love to do an Article in September.
5	What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission? Enthusiasm. Talk about organizing differently for Action. Jessica: CHP, Action Plan 28 items S, M, L Term. How can we help with housing, transportation, etc. Make recommendations for a Community Health Action Center working group. Co-located services. How do we continue to get Action Items implemented.

6	What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in? Planning and Zoning, kids Parent Teacher Organization, Volunteered at Peak. Similar things. Kids activities. Aquatronics. Skype with a Scientist. Professional Organization.
7	Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application? No, very clear from application.
8	Do you have any other questions for the interview panel? What would we like for you to focus on: Outreach and Articles. Any events at HS or MS. Public Health and Harm Reduction (healthy choices). Events organized by HS students in service Clubs related to mental health. March 6 at HS how to save a life—suicide prevention, overdose prevention, health relationships. At the Library on a Friday night. When someone has an idea that could be an initiative, how does it come to fruition. We have a CHP, AP, Annual Work Plan, DOH Milestones/Deliverables and activities through Social Services. Send an email to Lisa, Jessica, and copy Melanee Hand.

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Applicant's Name

LACHC
Board or Commission

Janica Smorz
Interviewer Name

2/19/25 2:00pm
Date/Time of Interview

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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>- PhD in Microbiology → scientific interest in health → start-up w/ health + wellness focus</p> <p>- Moved here in 2019</p> <p>- PTZ Board (higher density housing + green spaces)</p>
2	<p>Why would you like to serve on this board/commission?</p> <p>- Access to mental health resources / teen + youth / parent</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the major issues facing this board/commission?</p> <p>- So many social determinants that ^{impact} health - how do you know which "string" to pull</p> <p>- Even with resources to get adequate care → ^{what does} someone w/ less resources do?</p>
4	<p>Insert a board/commission specific question here.</p> <p>Q: What things would you be interested in helping with w/rt to Council? → How to best help in productive way</p> <p>A: Public outreach (ie High School Health Fair)</p>
5	<p>What do you feel you could contribute to this board/commission?</p> <p>- Articles on immunization</p> <p>- Enthusiasm!</p> <p>- Action + execution for deliverables!</p>

6	What other community and/or civic activities have you been involved in?	- Professional organizations - PECC volunteer - "Skype a Scientist" - P+E Commission - PTOs @ her kids' schools
7	Do you have any questions about the expectations included in the application?	- Not at this time
8	Do you have any other questions for the interview panel?	Q: Ideas for how she can be used on the CHe A: Articles, outreach to schools, healthy relationships + healthy communication

Notes: Q: When someone has an idea/initiative/pgm → how does that get processed into a plan?
 A: From Lisa



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2	Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? See question 1.
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4	<i>Insert a board/commission specific question here. : How would you like to get involved in Health Council? What specific Activities or skills are you interested in?</i> Interested in public outreach – likes to involve her kids as well. (Table at the weekly concert.) Community events throughout The year. Fairs at the HS. Reach out to parents and teens. Happy to contribute an article on immunizations.
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