

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?

Transportation: Submitted

Karen

First Name

Edwards

Last Name

Middle Initial

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) *

Republican

How long have you lived in Los Alamos County?

58

How did you learn of this Board/Commission vacancy?

Community contacts

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.)

? Reapplying for the Transportation Board also a member of the Inclusivity Task Force

Community Service

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

Los Alamos County Inclusivity Task Force; Xi Nu of Beta Sigma Phi; Christian Church of Los Alamos; National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico; Self Help, Inc.; governor's appointment to New Mexico Commission for the Blind board of directors.

Employment and Education

List your current and past employment experience.

Court-appointed Special Advocate serving foster children in New Mexico's first judicial district (unpaid); tutored braille reading in Los Alamos Public Schools; coordinated work/life programs at Los Alamos National Laboratory's human resources division; taught courses to youth and adults as an adjunct instructor at Santa Fe Community College and The American Red Cross relating to child development and care.

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

Master of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University, human resources development; bachelor of arts and sciences, New Mexico State University, communicative disorders.

Interests & Experiences

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

Vocal performance, travel with cooking and entertaining, reading, pedestrian travel with my seeing eye dog, Genie, child development, community service. I wish to promote the interests of citizens who utilize Atomic City Transit as well s pedestrians.

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 ride Atomic City Transit on a daily basis as well as being a pedestrian who walks at least 3 miles per day. As a completely blind traveler, I am especially interested current an prospective customers from ALL community sectors. If selected for a second term, I would work with the Inclusivity Task Force as a formal liaison to address issues affecting underserved populations in the community. Pedestrian safety has become important to me personally because I was recently a pedestrian victim of a distracted driver. As a grandparent of small Los Alamosans, I wish to promote and advocate for bus and pedestrian lifestyle which optimizes individual physical and mental well-being as well as community engagement and environmental conservation.

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 served one term on the Transportation Board, where, among my contributions, was the design and delivery of training for transportation department staff and board members entitled: A Bus for Us: non visual access to public transportation.

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

I have worked with numerous boards and committees, county, and statewide. In the early 2000s I worked with a group known as LA Walks, which address to walk strategies for our town. I also had the opportunity to work with the focus group along side , then LA bus Director Mike Davis to put the existing system into place. By current volunteer activities , revolved around working with underserved populations, including the visually impaired and children in the foster care system. I worked with a local group called cane and canines, and am a trained court appointed, special advocate, for New Mexico's first judicial District Court.

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?

I am able and willing to commit the needed hours of 15 to 20 per month necessary to complete training and other duties associated with a volunteer.

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?

Yes*

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

LOS ALAMOS

County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Karen Edwards
Applicant's Name
Melanee Hand
Interviewer Name

Transportation Board
Board or Commission
February 6, 2025 at 4:30pm
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>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <p>Negative is at night which can be tiring for a morning person. Positive interactions with staff & conduit w citizens! Able to relate to citizens as a citizens. Getting fruition of plans components - take suggestions & follow up.</p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>User perspective of bus system. Having master pedestrian plan developed. Citizens participation in planning & improvements.</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>Budgetary constraints. Need to do more to leverage joint interests & collect funding from various sources.</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>LAC needs to obtain more people to fill Board positions. How to recruit more people to the Board - more ordinary citizens. Need to consider disability barriers for participating (blindness, hearing, etc.) & augmenting technology available to help better volunteerism & participation.</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p><i>Interface & coord. with other Boards. Would like to work with other Boards such as Inclusivity Task Force. Attend County Council meetings periodically. Likes having the reports from the Council Liaison.</i></p> <p><i>Educate drivers about multi-modal challenges.</i></p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p><i>Likes the training of Board member responsibilities from a legal perspective. How do we make a Board position more appealing to attract more participation & volunteering?</i></p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p><i>Refer to above.</i></p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board?</p> <p><i>No</i></p>
9	<p>If this board decides (or is required) to "live stream" their meeting, will this be a deterrent to your willingness to continue serving on the board?</p> <p><i>No</i></p>
10	<p>Do you have any questions of the interview panel?</p> <p><i>Glad to meet Eric, who is acting for FW Director.</i></p>
11	<p>[interview panel: Ask questions you think necessary for clarification of the answers this applicant provided on their application form or during this interview.]</p>

Notes

Thank the applicant for their feedback on the B&C system, and their willingness to continue serving as a Board or Commission member.

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County Manager's Office BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR B&C MEMBERS APPLYING FOR A SECOND TERM

Karen Edwards
Applicant's Name
ERIC MARTINEZ
Interviewer Name

Transportation Board
Board or Commission
February 6, 2025 at 4:30pm
Date/Time of Interview

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1	<p>Since you are re-applying for this position, you must feel that the Board or Commission actions are worthwhile. What do you consider to be the positive aspects of the position? The negative?</p> <p>NEG: METS AT NIGHT, EARLY MORNING MEETING</p> <p>POS: INTERFERENCE W/ CO. STAFF, PROFESSIONAL UP CLOSE & PERSONAL, CONDUIT FOR CITIZENS, BOARD WELCOMING, POS. EXP. FACILITATION OF IDEAS, LAC ONG THAT LISTENS</p>
2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p>CONTRIBUTE FROM A USERS PERSPECTIVE, USES TRANSIT, FINDS ACCESS BARRIERS</p> <p>MASTER PLAN PLAN 1319 ACCOMPLISHMENT</p> <p>CITIZEN INTEREST & PARTICIPATION</p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues?</p> <p>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</p> <p>BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, OPPOSE TO PARTNER, COULD DO MORE TO LEVERAGE PROJECTS, EV'S IMPACT TO TRANSIT, CORP. EXPERTISE ON BOARD.</p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p>DILIGENT TO LOOK FOR PEOPLE TO SERVE, SERVES OR INCLUSIVITY TP; EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS IS VALUABLE. HOW TO RECRUIT NEW PEOPLE TO BOARD; INCREASE WED ACCESSIBILITY FOR LOW VISION INDIVIDUALS; ACCESS TO STREET MAPS</p> <p>WORK TO INCREASE TRANSIT LEADERSHIP</p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p>INTERACTING W/ OTHER BOARDS, LIAISON TO INCLUSIVITY TF I.E. TRANS. ISSUES ATTEND COUNCIL MEETS * APPROPRIATE LIAISON TO THE BOARD FOR UPDATES ON OTHER ACTIVITIES COUNCIL</p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p>ATTENDED TRAINING FROM LEGAL ANY TRAINING ARE: INDIVIDUAL DEPTS, BUS DRIVERS DENSP. FOR EXAMPLE 6 HOW TO RECRUIT, STREET CREWS DOING WORK * HOW PEOPLE CAN HELP</p>
7	<p>What suggestions/comments would you like to offer in connection with your Board or Commission service so far?</p> <p>REFER TO THOSE ABOVE</p>
8	<p>The purpose of this question is to make sure you are 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 continue serving on this Board?</p> <p>No.</p>
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Transportation Board
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Georgia Strickpaden
Interviewer Name

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2	<p>What has the Board or Commission accomplished during your term? What have you been able to contribute to the accomplishments that you are pleased with?</p> <p><i>User's perspective</i> <i>Master Plan coming out, finally</i> <i>Citizens follow what T Bd doing</i></p>
3	<p>What do you believe are the greatest issues facing the Board or Commission for which you've applied and how do you feel this Board or Commission can contribute to the resolution of these issues? <small>[Note to interview panel: If the answer to this question appears to be off base with Council's goals or directives, please explore a little more.]</small></p> <p><i>always opportunities to partner w/ other organizations</i> <i>EV's</i></p>
4	<p>Now that you've served on this board or commission, how do you perceive the role of County Boards and Commissions in local government? Do you have suggestions for better operation of this board or commission? Of operations of the Board and Commission system in general?</p> <p><i>LAC diligent in promoting advisory bds.</i> <i>EV user interfaces -</i> <i>Ordinary people have knowledge that can + do contribute</i> <i>maps representation she can access - other barriers</i> <i>people may have</i></p>

5	<p>Based on your experience serving on this board or commission, please share your thoughts on the communication methods between this Board and Council? How can we improve?</p> <p><i>Interface w/ other boards + commissions attend Council meetings</i></p>
6	<p>Have you attended any training sessions related to your duties and responsibilities as a board member? Is there any training that you feel the County could provide to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the board or commission system, as a whole, or of board or commission members individually?</p> <p><i>+ legal obligations, quorums - training + drivers + How we can be better customers of LAC.</i></p>
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