

Lt. Gov. Barbara O'Brien was elected in November 2006 along with Gov. Ritter. She spent 15 years as president of the Colorado Children's Campaign, the state's leading advocacy group for children and family issues such as education and health care. She helped create the Colorado Small Schools Initiative and the Colorado Preschool Program. She has a bachelor's degree from UCLA and a doctorate from Columbia University.

Michael Gass is president and CEO of United Launch Alliance. Before joining ULA, Gass served as vice president and general manager of space transportation for Lockheed Martin, overseeing the Atlas, Titan and other space launch projects. He also served in a number of management positions with General Dynamics for 14 years. Gass attended the Sloan Fellows Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received a master's degree in management. He also graduated from Lehigh University with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering.

Joe Garcia was named president of Colorado State University at Pueblo last year. Prior to that, he was president of Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs. He also has worked as the Rocky Mountain states representative for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, executive director of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies and as a partner in the Colorado Springs office of law firm Holme Roberts & Owen. He earned his bachelor's degree from CU-Boulder and law degree from Harvard.