



## Adrienne Tuck

*Director of Business Development  
W.E. O'Neil Construction*

Adrienne Tuck is the Director of Business Development for W.E. O'Neil Construction, and is leading their expansion into the Colorado Springs market. O'Neil is a 100% employee-owned, nationally-ranked, general contractor with locations in Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Tennessee, and Texas. As a strategist who intuitively sees how things are connected, she enjoys a good challenge. She's spent the last 16 years working on all sides of the local construction industry helping architects, engineers, and builders improve market position and increase revenue. In her current role she developed the business plan which lead to landing \$85M in new construction projects. Adrienne is the Vice Chair for the Associated General Contractors' Colorado South Steering Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute as the Vice Chair. She was named a Best Networker two years in a row, and a Rising Star by the Colorado Springs Business Journal. Adrienne is the recipient of the Leadership Pikes Peak Community Trustee Award. She holds two Bachelor of Science degrees in journalism and political science from Texas A&M University, and completed an internship in the Colorado Governor's Press Office.



## **Aileen Berrios**

*D2Demo & Dirt + Utilities and Rapido Rolloff  
CFO & Co-Owner*

Aileen does her work for the company behind the scenes as the Chief Financial Officer. She has over 30 years of progressive experience in all aspects of banking including leadership & management. Aileen oversees all accounting and marketing functions of Rapido Rolloff & D2 Demo & Dirt. Aileen holds a BS in Business Administration from Regis University and a master's in real estate and construction Management from the University of Denver.

Aileen is very active in the community and spends much of her free time volunteering for various charitable organizations. She currently serves on the board of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Colorado PTAC. She was a past Board member of Goodwill Colorado.



## **Alison Murray**

*Director of Community Impact  
Norwood Development*

Alison Murray serves as the Director of Community Impact for Norwood Development Group. Ms. Murray is active in the Colorado Springs community across many sectors including housing, homelessness, mental health, education, and community non-profit infrastructure. She currently serves as Chair of the Board for Springs Rescue Mission, is on the Board of Colorado Springs Leadership Institute, a member of the newly formed Early Childhood Education Business Council and a member of the Thirty Group. Ms. Murray counts it a privilege to live and serve the City of Colorado Springs.



## Andrea Barker

*HB&A*

*Principal and Director of Business Development*

Co-owner of HB&A Architecture and Planning which primarily serves local and federal government clients. I have lived in Colorado Springs since 1985, born and raised in Denver. I believe Colorado Springs has the most potential for great placemaking and development over all other Front Range cities.



## **Andrew Gunning**

*Executive Director*

*Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG)*

Andrew has served as executive director of PPACG since 2018. Prior to that, served as planning director in Rockville, Maryland in metro Wash., D.C., and deputy director for the regional council of governments in Tucson, Arizona. Over 30 years of experience dealing with local and regional issues around transportation and infrastructure, land use and development, environmental issues, and housing.



## Andy Colosimo

*Government and Corporate Affairs Manager  
Colorado Springs Utilities*

Andy joined Colorado Springs Utilities in 2002 and is responsible for all state and federal legislative activities affecting Colorado Springs Utilities including water, wastewater and gas and electricity issues. Andy serves on the Board of Directors of the National Water Resources Association, the Colorado Water Congress and chairs the Federal Affairs Committee. He spent more than seven years working in Washington, D.C. and Colorado on energy and natural resources for U.S. Senator's Bill Armstrong and Wayne Allard. Andy was born in Grand Junction and has a BA from the University of Utah.



## **Andy Merritt**

*Chief Strategy Officer (CSO)  
The O'Neil Group Company*

As the Chief Strategy Officer for The O'Neil Group Company, Andrew is responsible for setting strategic direction across a broad portfolio of companies and activities within the organization to achieve our founder's vision for job and wealth creation. Andrew's previous career includes twenty-one years of Congressional staff work, most of it in senior positions, for three United States Senators and one Member of the House of Representatives. His most recent position was as State Director for United States Senator Cory Gardner (CO). He managed eighteen staff across an eight-office network in the state that was responsible for providing direct service to the people of Colorado. He was also the primary office contact to a variety of high-level business leaders, community leaders and elected officials, including being the principle designated speaker at large conferences and meetings in the absence of the Senator. In this position, Andrew played a supporting role in Senator Gardner's successful efforts to move the Bureau of Land Management Headquarters from Washington DC to Grand Junction CO, create a national 988 suicide and mental health hotline, and pass the Great American Outdoors Act that fully funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund and reduces the maintenance backlog on our nation's public lands. Andrew's varied career also includes time in the military, non-profit, and private sectors. After obtaining his Series 7 General Securities license, he worked for two different financial services companies: Atlas Securities and Interwest International as a registered representative graduate.



## Ashley Hughes

*Staff Assistant*

*Colorado Springs City Council*

Ashley was born and raised in Modesto, California. She joined the Army in 2006 and got out in 2015. In her time, she lived in Texas and Alaska. Since then, she has PCS'd with her husband to Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi and now Colorado Springs where he will retire in 2025 and make Colorado Springs their forever home. Currently I am the Staff Assistant to the Colorado Springs City Council.





## Bob McLaughlin

*Chief Operating Officer  
Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center*

Bob is currently working as the COO of Mt Carmel Center of Excellence of Colorado with a mission to support troops in transition and veterans and their families with wellness programs. Visionary military executive that can make any organization more competitive – increasing value/return on investment and decreasing costs. Over 28 years of direct leadership and management experience in high performing organizations. Has positively led, directly and indirectly, Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilian formations of up to 5,000 people.

The Mt. Carmel team collaborates with key community partners using best practices in wellness programs and transitional services focused on veterans, military, and their families. In addition, the facility is a BEACON OF SUPPORT for profit and non-profit organizations focused on wellness and transitional services by synchronizing efforts and synergizing processes. Through our efforts those who have served, and their families, can continue to live healthy and productive lives.



## **Bonnie Goff**

*Director of Market Development  
Underline*

Bonnie is a Colorado Springs native and the Director of Market Development for Underline, a fiber infrastructure company. In her role, she leads a business development team working to bring fiber direct to business and multi-family units in Colorado Springs and Fountain. Bonnie is very active in the community serving on three boards, a current Mayor's Civic Leadership Fellow, and the Lead Mentor for Mayfly Project. When not working, she can be found on the golf course, fly fishing or at a game supporting her son, a senior at Rampart High School.



## Brandon Wilson

*Government Affairs  
El Paso County, Colorado*

Brandon Wilson serves as a Legislative Affairs Specialist on the El Paso County Government Affairs team. In this role, Brandon assists the Executive Director of the department in managing the County's efforts to communicate the organization's needs to the state and federal government. Prior to working with El Paso County, Brandon worked in the Project Management Office of a local non-profit assisting in the planning and execution of enterprise level projects. Brandon holds a master's degree in public administration and an undergraduate degree in History. He lives in Colorado Springs with his wife, daughter, and two dogs.



## **Bret Waters**

*County Administrator  
El Paso County*

Bret Waters is currently the El Paso County Administrator and has served in this position since July of 2021. Bret oversees 1,300 employees and an annual budget of over \$400 million. He supervises the administrative and operational departments of El Paso County, including such areas as Human Services, Public Works, Parks, Planning and several others. Bret has led several successful initiatives while at El Paso County, including transforming the strategic plan.

Prior to this appointment, he served as the Emergency Management Director and the Deputy Chief of Staff for the City of Colorado Springs for 16 years. Bret started his career as a social worker in Tulare County California, the area in which he was born and raised. He has a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and a master's degree from Fresno Pacific University.



## **Cami Bremer**

*Chair, District 5*

*Board of El Paso County Commissioners*

In her 2nd elected term as an El Paso County Commissioner, Cami currently serves as the Board Chair and brings broad experience in government and media relations as well as healthcare and non-profit management to the role. Cami has a passion for Human Services and cost-effective policies that allows for serving those in need, while incentivizing long term family-centered solutions. Cami also looks forward to collaborating across jurisdictions and organizations for a regional approach to solving current community issues such as homelessness, affordable housing and workforce development. Cami grew up in Georgia and attended the University of Georgia where she earned her Bachelors of Journalism in Public Relations. After moving to Colorado in 2002, she continued her education with an MBA in Marketing from UCCS. Cami is married to Eli Bremer (USAFA '00, OLY '08) and they have an 8-year old son named Struthers. On any given weekend, Cami and her family can be found enjoying outdoor activities like hiking, biking, golfing, swimming, running and skiing.



## Carrie Geitner

*Vice Chair, District 2*

*Board of El Paso County Commissioners*

Commissioner Carrie Geitner was sworn in as the District 2 Commissioner on January 12, 2021. District 2 extends from east side Colorado Springs neighborhoods through Cimarron Hills, Falcon, Peyton, Calhan and Ramah.

Commissioner Geitner believes our collective responsibility is to build our community to fulfill the needs of one another. With a background in communications and outreach, Geitner hopes to build stronger relationships with the community and build trust in local government.

She is the first college graduate in her family, receiving her degree from the University of Central Florida where she majored in English with double minors in psychology and marketing. Shortly after college Geitner met and married her husband, Army Officer and State Representative Tim Geitner. Together they have two sons.

She spent several years in fundraising and community outreach for non-profit organizations including hospice and a school for the blind. She also worked to establish non-profit status and served as president of a newly formed foundation created to support military families and honor fallen soldiers through a memorial wall and park. Experiencing life as a military spouse, Commissioner Geitner has increased compassion and empathy towards veterans and military families. It's that understanding that has led Geitner to a life of servant leadership.

In 2020, Commissioner Geitner founded a charter school in District 2 and serves as the board president. She also owned and operated a small business.



## Chris Jenkins

*Chief Executive Officer  
Norwood Development*

As CEO of Norwood, Chris oversees the company's development, investment and management activities. With Norwood's expanding community developments in Downtown, Banning Lewis Ranch and their existing portfolio of projects, Chris works with the Norwood team and community partners to deliver on the Promise of Colorado to all citizens of the Pikes Peak Region. "Real estate is the canvas that we work with, but what we really do is partner to build community for people. For decades we have invested and reinvested in our city and that will continue as we pursue building a city as beautiful as its scenery." Outside of his role as CEO, Chris co-manages the Norwood Foundation, and is actively involved on the boards of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Museum and Hall of Fame, the UCCS Development Corp., the Pikes Peak Community Foundation, Exponential Impact and the Colorado Springs Philharmonic. A third-generation Colorado native, Chris enjoys exploring the area's world-class parks, trails, and mountains with his family.



## Chris Lieber

*Principal  
N.E.S. Inc*

Chris Lieber is a Principal at N.E.S. Inc and current chair of the Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority. As a community leader with 31 years of local experience in planning and landscape architecture, Chris is currently leading efforts to implement the COS Creek Plan to bring vitality and sustainability to our community's waterways and leading the Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative – to envision the future of our outdoor economy, recreation opportunities, and natural resources for the Pikes Peak Region. Mr. Lieber holds a degree in Landscape Architecture from the College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State University and a Graduate Certificate from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs in Public Management. He has a proven track record of successful collaboration and project implementation involving numerous stakeholders and passionate community advocates in the Pikes Peak Region.





## Creed Spillane

*Founder, Managing Broker, Realtor  
Quantum Residential Group, LLC*

Creed is Founder and Managing Broker of Quantum Residential Group, a one-stop real estate brokerage solution for builders, investors, sellers, and buyers. Across his 19 years in the industry transactions have included custom residential communities, horse owner communities, retirement neighborhoods, and commercial properties in medical, retail, and hospitality. Community outreach has spanned serving in his church's humanitarian programs, civic boards and committees, and as the current Board President for Bakhita Mountain Home, a local nonprofit providing housing and resources to adult female survivors of human trafficking. Creed and his wife are raising their five children in Colorado Springs.



## Dave Dazlich

*Vice President, Government Affairs  
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce & EDC*

Dave is the Vice President of Government Affairs for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation. Formerly, he was the Director of Government Affairs for the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, the largest and broadest based business advocacy organization in the state of Nevada. At the state level, Dave is very familiar with the legislative process, having worked as a lobbyist, government affairs staffer and legislative aide in Colorado, California, and Nevada. Throughout his career he spent several legislative sessions and special sessions with state legislatures, giving him invaluable insight into the challenges they can present. He has proactively worked to implement legislation on behalf of several organizations, while working with teams of industry experts, contract lobbyists and coalitions of volunteers, trade associations, and labor unions.

Working with local governments, Dave has experience tracking ordinances and legislative proposals, most notably during his time working for the Building Industry Association in Southern California. Dave has also worked with teams of federal lobbyists to engage on relevant issues before congress, drafted official organizational correspondence and prepared testimony for association executives. Through Dave's experience he has represented a range of associations at all levels of government, creating working relationships with elected officials and regulators allowing him to successfully engage in legislation and public policy. In each role, he integrated and effectively worked with diverse teams to raise the public profile of the associations locally, nationally, and internationally.



## David Leinweber

*Councilmember At-Large  
City of Colorado Springs*

David lives and breathes the outdoors – both recreationally and professionally. He has worked in the outdoor recreation industry for over 40 years, and with his wife, Becky, has owned and managed Angler’s Covey – a Colorado Springs specialty fly fishing shop, guide service, and learning center – for over 26 years. David and Becky have been married for 40 years and both are Colorado natives. They moved to Colorado Springs in 1991 with their twins, Rachel, and Jonathan, and lived in the Village Seven community until 2004 when they moved to the west side and expanded Angler’s Covey to its current location at 21st street and Cimarron/ Highway 24. David’s involvement in the local community has been a consistent thread throughout his life.

In 2016, David founded the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance (PPORA), partnering with Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC and Visit Colorado Springs. PPORA works to strengthen the outdoor recreation industry for the Pikes Peak region through leadership and collaboration. PPORA was recognized as the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Southeast Region Partner of the Year for 2020 and the Rocky Mountain Field Institute Stewardship Partner of the Year in 2022 and leads the region’s Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership. David has always felt that it’s important to engage in our community and give back. In 2022 David founded a new fund under the Pikes Peak Community Foundation called “The Morning Hatch Foundation” with the mission of funding organizations and programs supporting the mental and emotional needs of the local community through transformational outdoor experiences that cultivate hope.



## **Dawn Conley**

*Senior Executive Director*

*Catalyst Campus for Technology & Innovation*

As the Senior Executive Director of Catalyst Campus for Technology and Innovation, Dawn leads a team that creates a collaborative ecosystem where industry, academia, startups, government, and venture capital intersect with Colorado's aerospace and defense industry to create community, spark innovation, and stimulate business growth in support of our national defense. CCTI is a mission-focused collaboration and innovation ecosystem, and serves as a trusted, agnostic partner to accelerate solutions for the execution of the National Defense Strategy, advancement of civil programs, and the economic development of communities. Dawn has extensive experience in multiple industry sectors, including aerospace and defense, healthcare, government, education and had her own consulting company. Having worked at Fortune 100, midsize companies, and startups, supporting emerging technology and innovative companies with a critical role in our nation's defense is a passion of Dawn's. Prior to working at CCTI, she worked for the Mayor of Colorado Springs, leading initiatives to help with military members and spouses, including the passage of HB20-1326 which helps military spouses with occupational licensure reciprocity. As the wife of a retired military member, she understands the challenges and rewards of being a military spouse. Dawn holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Ohio State University and has won several awards for her contributions to the community, including recognition from Fort Carson and the City of Colorado Springs. In addition to the economic development of the companies and communities that she has been a part of, Dawn has a keen interest in public service and volunteerism.



## **Dawn Jewell O'Neil**

*Director of Investor Relations  
O'Neil Group*

Dawn works as both a Clinical Psychologist in a health psychology private practice and is the Director of Investor Relations for the O'Neil Group Company.

In recent years Dawn has served on national and state psychology boards and has received awards through the American Psychological Association's Society for Health Psychology for her work. Dawn has a strong interest in patient advocacy and strives to have an impact on policy and treatment guidelines for patient care.



## Deb Walker

*Community Engagement and Public Affairs Manager  
Ting Fiber Internet*

Deb Walker is the Community Engagement and Public Affairs Manager for Ting Internet. In this role she is focused on increasing digital inclusion, working with government officials, and developing community partnerships. Her commitment to equity and engagement comes from a career in the nonprofit sector focused on advocacy and civic engagement including as Director of Strategic Partnerships at The Independence Center a nonprofit that advances civil rights for people with disabilities and as the executive director of Citizens Project an organization that advocates for equity, inclusion, and justice in the Pikes Peak region.

She currently serves on the City of Colorado Springs City Council's Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission and on the board of The Haiti Village Project. She is an alumna of the Colorado Governor's Fellowship and Colorado Springs Leadership Institute. In her free time Deb serves as a US representative to the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) to help monitor elections for states in the Organization for Security Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Deb holds a master's degree in public administration and has a deep commitment to help build better communities through engagement in local government.



## **Dennis Roark**

*Founder & President  
Terra Ferma*

Dennis Roark has more than 25 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, beginning with seven years of service with the U.S. Army. He has a history as a strong leader, problem-solver, and project manager. He has been responsible for multimillion dollar budgets and has delivered consistent results: solving business issues while managing costs and risks, increasing revenue, and achieving profitability in entrepreneurial ventures.



## Devin Camacho

*Manager, Government Affairs  
Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC*

Devin Camacho is the Government Affairs Manager for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce & EDC. Devin's responsibilities include the logistical management of the Government Affairs Council, as well as any Government Affairs Events. Devin also serves as the liaison between the Chamber & EDC and the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County. Devin's background is rich in Colorado Politics, he has worked for many campaigns, including Senator Cory Gardner's 2020 re-election campaign as a Political Coordinator, and for State Representative Clarice Navarro's 2016 re-election campaign, where he serves as her campaign manager. In 2017 Devin was elected as the youngest Republican County Chairman in Colorado, and in 2019 he was elected as the youngest Colorado Republican Party Secretary. More recently Devin worked in the El Paso County Elections Department as an Elections Specialist, and prior to that he served as the Southwest Regional Director for Colorado's Third Congressional District.





## **Doug Woody**

*Vice President*

*Bryan Construction*

Doug has three decades of experience in the construction industry and joined Bryan Construction in 2006. Doug is a Colorado native and a graduate from Colorado State University-Pueblo with a degree in Civil Engineering. Since starting at Bryan Construction Doug has successfully managed several key roles for the company from Project Manager and Executive Manager of the Commercial Group, before being promoted to Vice President.



## Erica Romero

*Business Relations Manager  
Pikes Peak Workforce Center*

Erica Romero is the Business Relations Manager at the Pikes Peak Workforce Center, providing leadership, direction and oversight for her staff and our employer-driven services. She brings over 15 years of management and customer service experience with national retailers to our Business Relations Group, and she has her Colorado Business Service Certification through the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment. Erica has helped hundreds of employees in our region with her Rapid Response services for businesses that have to conduct layoffs and furloughs; she has educated them about healthcare options, unemployment insurance options, retirement and life insurance, and workforce services, to help them as they transition from one job to another. She has been a speaker at dozens of roundtables during the pandemic to help hundreds of business owners and managers understand the nuances of furloughs vs. layoffs and many other business resources they could access during this unprecedented time. In addition, she has been one of the most instrumental people in this region to work on developing several Sector Partnerships (which connect local industry with education to solve common workforce issues), including Pikes Peak Regional Healthcare Sector Partnership; Southern Colorado Manufacturing Sector Partnership; Pikes Peak Regional Retail & Hospitality Sector Partnership; and these emerging entities: Automotive Sector Partnership, and Department of Defense Sector Partnership. A Colorado Springs local, Erica is passionate about helping businesses connect with local workforce talent to create growth and development through connecting services and resources to train, hire, and retain a qualified workforce. In June 2022, she graduated from the Leadership Pikes Peak Signature Program, and in September 2022 she was named a finalist for the Mayor's Young Leader Award.



## Ernest Campos

*L3 Harris*  
*ISSA-COS*

Ernest M. Campos is a Global Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Cybersecurity Scientist, and Corporate Senior Manager. He currently works for L3Harris Technologies as a Program CISO for the USSF MOSSAIC program. Previously, he co-founded and served as President and COO of Incline Cyber Solutions, LLC (SDVOSB, EDWOSB, and SDB) and was a Public-Sector Practice Principal for the Hewlett-Packard Co within the Intelligence Community. He has spent over thirty (30) years specializing in the design and implementation of complex computing solutions. Throughout his career, Ernest has supported numerous Federal organizations including: The White House, The Central Intelligence Agency, The National Reconnaissance Office, The National Counter-Terrorism Center, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Department of Homeland Security, The Department of State, and others. Prior to joining industry, Ernest served 11-years in the U.S. Air Force as a White House Communications, Senior Information Systems Technology Lead. Ernest currently serves as President and Chairman of the Board for the Colorado Springs (COS) chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-COS). For the last 14-years, Ernest has volunteered as a professional mentor and has co-founded mentorship programs for two (2) Non-Profit Organizations; ISSA-COS and the George Washington University (GWU) Tech Alumni Association. Numerous national, state, and local offices have requested his insights on cyber-related issues and discussion groups. Ernest has also sat on multiple panels with the World Affairs Council where he provided Cybersecurity counsel to visiting foreign dignitaries. Ernest holds a MS in Information Systems Technology with an emphasis on Cybersecurity from George Washington University and a BS in Business Management with an emphasis on Organizational Information Systems from National – Louis University. Certifications amassed include C|CISO, Federal CIO, PMP, CISSP, Security+, ITIL, and others.

## Frank Mindrup

*Associate Vice President*

*Business Development and Corporate Growth*

Frank is LinQuest's Associate Vice President of business development and corporate growth. In this role, he oversees a diverse portfolio of direct award contracts with over \$2B of ceiling supporting numerous Department of Defense customers.

Frank attended the United States Air Force Academy, earning a BS in Social Sciences. He holds a masters and PhD in Ops Research from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Following his military career, he was a Director and GM for the Perduco Group, overseeing day-to-day performance, recruiting, and oversight of the operations and logistics support group managing \$14M in annual revenue. Frank came to LinQuest in 2021.



## Gary Barber

*Project Manager*

*Schmidt Construction Company*

Gary Barber joined HydroSource in 2018, bringing to the firm nearly 25 years of water rights experience in Colorado. Mr. Barber has represented both buyers and sellers of land, water rights and minerals. He has an extensive background in water issues on Colorado's Front Range, including valuation of water rights, analysis of municipal water resource portfolios, and presentations to public policy groups on the future of water in the West. Mr. Barber is highly regarded as an "out-of-the-box" thinker, finding innovative ways to restore, manage, and develop water assets. As a native Coloradan, he has a strong interest in preserving agricultural productivity while addressing the demands of municipal growth.

Mr. Barber served as the project manager and primary author of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan, a component of the 2015 Colorado State Water Plan. Additionally, he provided ten years of leadership as Manager of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority.

Mr. Barber began his career in the Washington, DC real estate market. His experience included Development Manager of the Dulles Greenway, a \$320 million privately funded toll road.



## Greg Cerbana

*Vice President, Government Affairs  
Weidner Apartment Homes*

Greg Cerbana has been in the Residential Property Management Industry for close to 29 and has progressed in his career from onsite positions, to regional management to now having overall responsibility to direct the Public Relations Department and head up the state and federal Government Affairs efforts for Weidner Apartment Homes -- a Kirkland, WA based real estate company that has been in business for 45 years and specializes in the acquisition, development, renovation and management of multi-family apartment communities throughout the US and Canada. Greg is a member of the Board of Directors of both the National Apartment Association (NAA) as well as its Education Institute (NAAEI) and currently serves as the President for NAAEI. He is a sought-after speaker for housing policy discussions and is active on multiple collegiate Advisory boards. Greg also oversees the philanthropy efforts of the company and is currently administering a \$20M pledge made by Dean Weidner to address the challenges of homelessness in Anchorage, Alaska. Greg sits on the Board of Directors of the Anchorage Affordable Housing Land Trust and is the current Vice Chair of the Homeless Leadership Council in Anchorage. On a personal note, Greg was born and raised in Hawaii and considers himself a local boy trapped on the mainland. He's an active motorcyclist and a patch holding member of the KHMC motorcycle club and can be found many weekends touring the backroads of the PNW on his Harley. He's a Paul Harris fellow in his local Rotary club, a graduate of Seattle University with a degree in Business Management, and an avid fan of both the Seattle Seahawks and the Seattle Sounders. He's been married to his college sweetheart for 31 years and is a proud father of 4 who all still like to hang out with mom and dad for Sunday night dinners.



## Helen Lewis

*Managing Editor*

*Colorado Springs Independent & Business Journal*

Helen Lewis is Managing Editor at the *Colorado Springs Independent* and the *Colorado Springs Business Journal*. She started her career as a police reporter and investigative journalist in Australia, working for several newspapers before moving into media relations and research writing for The University of Queensland (a major research university, also in Australia).

She moved to Canada to work in media relations for the University of British Columbia, then to New Orleans, where she worked as a graphic designer. Inspired by (obsessed with) work she'd seen in Italy and Germany, she started a letterpress printing company near Seattle, specializing in custom design and printing for several years. She returned to journalism when she moved from Germany to Colorado Springs.

As the *Business Journal's* cybersecurity reporter, Helen earned awards for science & technology writing and business reporting from the Society of Professional Journalists and the Colorado Press Association, before moving into leadership for *CSBJ* and the *Indy*. She's passionate about local journalism as a pillar of democracy, media literacy, data privacy, cybersecurity, and traveling without a plan.



## Holly Williams

*Commissioner, District 1  
Board of El Paso County Commissioners*

Holly Williams was elected as El Paso County Commissioner for District 1 in 2018. Holly holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Additionally, she is a graduate of the Leadership Program of the Rockies. Holly served for two terms as the Public Trustee of El Paso County, an appointment by Governor Bill Owens. She was elected by her peers to serve as President of the Colorado Public Trustee's Association and successfully worked with the state legislature to pass needed changes in foreclosure law.

Holly strongly believes in and has lived a life of public service and dedication to our community. She has a strong record of working to improve our community, serving in various community groups, from Scouting and other youth groups to political involvement. Holly has been an officer of the Sunrise Republican Women's club and has served in numerous positions within the El Paso County Republican Party. Holly moved to Colorado in 1992 where she and her husband Wayne raised their four children. In her spare time, she is an accomplished pianist and frequently accompanies large congregations and local choirs. She enjoys board games and traveling the State of Colorado with Wayne. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Commissioner Williams took the oath of office for her second four-year term on January 10, 2023.





## **Idanna Ortega-Bermudez**

*Operations Associate  
Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC*

Idanna Ortega-Bermudez is the Operations Associate for the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC. In her role she works closely with the COO and provides support to the various departments of the Chamber. She brings with her six plus years of experience in the non-profit field as an administrator and a service provider. She is bilingual and is well versed in serving diverse communities. In 2017 she graduated with her Bachelor of Arts from San Diego State University, in International Security and Conflict Resolution with a specialization in Global Justice. She has since dedicated her career to the nonprofit field, working in everything from medical, legal, and leadership development. She may be a California native but has relocated to Colorado Springs and has made it her new home. Outside of work she serves on the Catholic Charities Board and is an active participant in the El Pomar's Elevating Leadership Development program.



## Ingrid Richter

*Broker*

*Olive Real Estate Group, Inc*

Ms. Richter joined Olive in 2018 and is focused on tenant representation, investing in income-producing properties, and developing hospitality and mixed-use real estate projects. Ingrid Richter became a commercial broker in 2008 after working ten years in the commercial real estate development industry. Since the inception of her career, she has secured governmental approvals for 15+ residential, commercial, and mixed-use development projects. Over the past 20 years, Ingrid has participated in raising over \$150,000,000 in private capital to finance the acquisition and development of 25+ development projects. Prior to joining Olive, Ms. Richter served as Chief Strategy Officer for The O'Neil Group Company, Executive Director of Catalyst Campus (an aerospace and defense technology campus) and Employing Broker for Paramount Group (commercial brokerage and property management firm). Previous positions include Real Estate Services Manager for the City of Colorado Springs, Development Manager for Oakwood Homes and Chief Operations Officer for Zephyr Development. Ms. Richter currently serves as on the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors, the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, as well as the Trails and Open Space Working Committee for the City of Colorado Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Office. Ingrid was awarded Business Leader of the Year by the Southern Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce in 2016 and served one term on the City of Manitou Springs City Council from 2010 to 2012. Ms. Richter received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Colorado.



## Jamie Fabos-Leaverton

*Chief of Staff*

*City of Colorado Springs*

Jamie Fabos has been the Chief of Staff for the City of Colorado Springs since June 2023. Fabos previously oversaw the Colorado Springs Utilities' public affairs efforts and interactions with the community. Prior to joining Utilities, Fabos served as the City's Chief Communications Officer from 2015 to 2022. During her time at the City, Fabos led the City's communications department, including public relations, marketing, branding and crisis communications efforts. She worked extensively on the city's recognition as a U.S. News Best Place to Live and the ongoing effort to keep U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs. Fabos also provided key leadership in guiding the City's public communications efforts through significant crises, including the Planned Parenthood mass shooting and the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Jeffrey Jensen

*Advisor*

*Morgan Stanley Wealth Management*

Jeff Jensen is a Managing Director of Wealth Management and the founder of the Jensen Group Wealth Management at Morgan Stanley. For over 25 years, Jeff has dedicated his career to providing highly customized advice and investment solutions to a broad array of clients that includes highly successful families, foundations, nonprofits, private companies, and reinsurance portfolios for auto dealerships. Over the course of his career, he has developed a comprehensive, yet simple philosophy: To provide an “outsourced Chief Investment Officer program” by combining tailored advisory services with the processes and systems required to help meet a client’s fiduciary obligations. Jeff works directly with Morgan Stanley’s Consulting Group, one of the oldest, most experienced firms in the country. He fully utilizes the Group’s experience to provide the most objective information available. In 2005, Jeff was named a Senior Investment Management Consultant (SIMC), an honor earned only through the Consulting Group. Jeff’s commitment to his community is reflected in his work with nonprofits and his involvement in philanthropy. He is also a member of the Association of Professional Investment Consultants (APIC). Jeff resides in Colorado Springs with his wife and two children. Among his many hobbies, he is passionate about photography and travels to uncharted areas to gain an understanding of indigenous peoples. Through his visual storytelling, he challenges ethnocentric views and inspires learning. Jeff also enjoys running, hiking, and skiing. He and his family love to travel and hope to visit every country in the world.



## Jenifer Furda

*Director of Partnerships, Governmental Affairs & Military Liaison  
University of Colorado Colorado Springs*

Jenifer is the Director of Partnerships and Governmental Affairs for the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. She has a bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. Jenifer has held previous leadership positions at the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Springs Business Journal, National Cybersecurity Center, and Kaiser Permanente Colorado. She currently serves on the Pikes Peak United Way and Downtown Partnership Board of Directors. Jenifer has been in the Colorado Springs community since 1988, her husband Jon and two teenage children Rhy and Wyatt enjoy everything that Colorado has to offer.



## Jessie Kimber

*Vice President, Defense Development  
Chamber of Commerce & EDC*

Jessie Kimber, a retired Naval Intelligence Officer, is the Vice President of Defense Development for the Colorado Springs Chamber and Economic Defense Council. Jessie is a retired Naval Intelligence Officer with more than 24 years of distinguished military service. A designated Joint Qualified Officer, she served in a variety of command, leadership, and analytic positions while stationed onboard U.S. Naval warships, four U.S. Combatant Commands, NATO, the Defense Intelligence Agency and multiple deployments in the Middle East, Europe, and Africa.

A native of Colorado, she graduated from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology in May 1998. She received a Master of Arts in Military Studies from the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 2014. She is a 2019 graduate of the U.S. Naval War College, Mahan Scholar, with a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies and a sub-specialty in strategic deterrence. Jessie is an Army spouse and has two daughters.



## Jim DiBiase

*Broker Developer*

*Olive Real Estate Group, Inc*

As a Principal of Olive Real Estate Group since 1992, Jim has gained the reputation as one of Colorado Springs' leading real estate professionals. Jim's broad background in corporate services, tenant representation, office and hotel development are unique to Colorado Springs. Throughout his career, Jim has completed transactions exceeding \$1,000,000,000. Jim's hotel development experience includes the Tejon-Costilla Dual Branded Marriott hotel, the Colorado Springs Airport Dual Branded Marriott project, both of which are Opportunity Zone projects, as well as the Fairfield Inn and Suites Monument. Jim managed the successful solicitation of Debt & Equity for each of these projects. Jim has extensive experience in structuring complex transactions including multi-million-dollar corporate headquarter relocations, joint ventures, build-to-suits, lease restructurings, traditional leases, and fee simple ownership. He has completed transactions in over 30 US cities. Jim has completed transactions with some of Colorado Springs' most prominent and fastest-growing companies, including RT Logic, The O'Neil Group, JP Morgan Chase, Insurance Technologies, Colorado Springs Health Partners, Everest College, and TASC. As Senior Vice President of Peregrine White Company of New York, a leading tenant advocacy firm in the northeast, Jim negotiated lease transactions for multiple Fortune 500 companies. In 1987, 1991 and 1994, Jim brokered one of ten largest transactions closed in Manhattan. Jim is a past Board Member and current volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club. Mr. DiBiase received a bachelor's degree in finance from Villanova University.



## Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer

*President & Chief Executive Officer  
Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC*

Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer took over as president and CEO of Southern Colorado's largest chamber and economic development organization in 2022. Prior to that, she managed her own consulting firm. Her previous roles include president and CEO of Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Cincinnati, leadership positions at Duke Energy, Citi, United Way-Cincinnati, OH, and Obion County Chamber of Commerce and Jackson Downtown Development Corporation-Tennessee. She's a proud graduate of the University of Memphis (BA – Communications), Thomas More University (Master of Business Administration), and the Oklahoma University Economic Development University (OUEDI). In addition, she completed her certificate in economic development through the International Economic Development Council. A champion of the communities where she lives, she serves on several boards and committees. In her down time, she enjoys exploring new trails, restaurants, and shops with her husband, Kurt, and spoiling their beloved French Bulldog, Nutmeg.





## **Justin Burns**

*Real Estate & Insurance Agent  
Quantum Commercial Group*

Justin is a community-driven professional with over 20 years of success in building businesses. He is a true hunter at heart. He believes that the key to success is devising a strategic plan, gathering all the required resources/relationships, and then executing impeccably.



## **Kate Hatten**

*Executive Director  
Home Front Military Network*

Kate Hatten is Executive Director of Home Front Military Network. She previously served as program manager, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments; senior project manager, International City/County Management Association; assistant county manager, Douglas County, Colorado and legislative deputy, City of Los Angeles.

Kate has Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University and Bachelor of Arts degree from Occidental College.

She is a Friend of Space for Space Base Delta 1 and Co-Chair of the Pikes Peak Community Veterans Engagement Board and serves on the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Military Affairs Council Advisory Board. She is a member of the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute Class of 2022.



## **Kathryn (Kat) Seibert**

*Occupational Therapist  
Health Promotion Partners*

Kathryn (Kat) Seibert graduated from Colorado State University in 1990 with a degree in Occupational Therapy. She has worked in the healthcare industry in Colorado Springs and Denver for the past 32 years. Her experience as an Occupational Therapist spans the entire healthcare spectrum to include inpatient care, outpatient care, home health care, and managerial positions. She is currently working in the area of Driver Rehabilitation where she performs assessments on older drivers to determine fitness to drive; assessments on individuals who have recently sustained an injury or illness and who may be in need of adaptive equipment to drive; and readiness to drive assessments for young people with diagnoses that may prevent them from learning to drive in a traditional driver education school. Kat has been married to Tim for 29 years, and they have 2 adult children. In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis and trying to keep up with Tim on a mountain bike.



## Kevin Murphy

*President & Owner*

*D2 Demo & Dirt + Utilities and Rapido Rolloff*

Kevin has lived in Colorado Springs most of his life, graduating from St. Mary's High School. Prior to starting Rapido Rolloff & D2 Demo & Dirt, Kevin worked as the General Manager and VP with his father, Chuck at Murphy Constructors for over thirty years. As a result, he has a depth and wealth of knowledge in the construction industry.

Kevin has three children and three grandchildren. He enjoys racquetball, photography, traveling, golf, and gardening in his spare time. Kevin also volunteers at St. Mary's High School and serves on the Board of The Springs Recovery Connection.



## Kevin O'Neil

*Chief Executive Officer  
The O'Neil Group Company*

A native of Colorado Springs, Kevin O'Neil has balanced his entrepreneurial efforts with a commitment to paying it forward. Mr. O'Neil launched his first company in 1982. Since this beginning, he has grown a diverse business portfolio that includes wholesale lighting, mechanical contracting, graphics design, medical waste entities, residential real estate development, multifamily, residential management, vacation real estate, residential construction, light commercial development, and construction, textiles, aerospace engineering, cyber space, small business consulting and, most recently, software technology and the creation of a collaborative innovation district for the development of local businesses and the economic growth of Colorado Springs.

Inherent in each of his ventures is a community development component, whether economic growth through bringing new jobs and companies to the Pikes Peak region or support of local charities and nonprofits in the form of volunteering his financial and business expertise. Mr. O'Neil is also an entrepreneur with diversified holdings through The O'Neil Group Company. Some of his accomplishments over the past 30 years include rehabilitation of value-added multifamily housing for subsequent sale or addition to his personal property portfolio. He has begun to expand his portfolio to include equity investing groups allowing large groups of personal investment opportunities. Mr. O'Neil purchased Braxton Technologies, LLC, in 2008 through his investment concern, The O'Neil Group Company. Braxton is Mr. O'Neil's cornerstone for new industry and future growth. Mr. O'Neil is passionate about engaging local students in the engineering field and encouraging them to stay in Colorado Springs to take advantage of local opportunities for education and training. In 2016, Mr. O'Neil was one of the Colorado Technology Association's APEX awards nominees, as well as one of the Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance's Business Citizen of the Year nominees. Mr. O'Neil graduated cum laude from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 1989.



## Kevin Walker

*President & Owner  
WSDM District Managers*

Kevin Walker has over 45 years in the business of real estate planning, development, and management in a variety of positions in the greater Pikes Peak region. Kevin has been involved in Title 32 special districts since 1986 with the formation and bond issuance of the Northgate Public Building Authority. Since then, he has been involved in the formation and operations of more than 40 special districts as an officer and manager. Armed with a master's degree in city planning, Kevin has worked for public agencies and major community developers as well as a principal in several of his projects, Kevin has lived in Colorado Springs for his entire professional career. Married with 4 children and 6 grandchildren, Kevin has senior management and marketing responsibility for WSDM – District Managers. As an owner of the business, Kevin takes great pride in the customer service focus of the company and is always available to talk to clients, residents, ratepayers, and anyone who comes in contact with WSDM – District Managers.



## Kimball Edwards

*Chief Executive Officer*  
ISSAC LLC

CEO of ISSAC, a Systems Engineering and Data Analytics Company. Prior to joining ISSAC, I was the Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer for TMC Design Corporation. Prior to the purchase of TMC Design, responsibilities included Strategic Growth Planning, Strategic Financial Planning, Contracts, Business Development, Marketing, HR, and all Profit and Loss functions. After purchase of TMC Design by LinQuest Corporation, I became the General Manager for all Test and Modernization. Retired from the US Army after 23 years. Graduate of the United States Military Academy (West Point), and hold an MBA from the University of Colorado.



## **Kimberly Bailey**

*Economic and Community Development, Urban Renewal  
City of Fountain*

Ms. Bailey has a career which spans a 30-year tenure in generating results through marketing, business development, and directional services. Over the past fifteen years, she has honed her in-depth marketing expertise knowledge within the government sector, serving in the capacity of economic development. She currently serves as the Economic Development Director for the City of Fountain, CO, and is the Executive Director for the Fountain Urban Renewal Authority (FURA). Through her distinctive blend of career highlights, she offers a hybrid specialty in cultivating business development strategies and marketing awareness missions to achieve targeted goals of success.





## Laura Neumann

*Owner*

*LN Business Consulting, LLC*

A Colorado Springs/Manitou Springs, resident for 18 years, Ms. Neumann founded her own business consulting firm, LN Business Consulting, LLC in 2014. Currently, and for the past four years, she has led several developments on behalf of Weidner Apartment Homes in Colorado Springs. Simultaneously, she serves on the boards of Pikes Peak United Way; Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC; Colorado Springs Downtown Partnership; and Manitou Springs Community Foundation. Notably, Laura served as Chief of Staff for the City of Colorado Springs from 2011 to 2014, overseeing a \$400M budget and 2000 employees. In 2013, the City of Colorado Springs successfully applied and was awarded with the highest state improvement incentive (\$120.5M) from the Regional Tourism Act of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. The initiative, appropriately named “City for Champions,” highlighted four unique and extraordinary venues that were envisioned to strengthen and diversify the economic impact of Colorado’s regional and state visitor experiences. Today, these projects are flourishing iconic gateways to Colorado Springs. Laura worked for Benchmark Hospitality International for 24 years prior. She successfully opened and transitioned over 20 domestic and international hotel, conference, and resort properties. Ms. Neumann was awarded the Colorado Springs Business Journal, “Women of Influence” Legacy Award in 2020 for demonstrating superior leadership over several years with a significant track record of long-term achievements and accomplishments in business, industry, and enterprise.



## Leroy Rivera

Leroy Rivera is retired from working with School District 20 as a carpenter. One can always find Leroy working on a home project, winter, summer, spring or fall. Leroy just married his childhood sweetheart. He will be joining his wife, Councilwoman Avila, to enjoy the spouse track.



## **Lisanne McNew**

*President & Chief Executive Officer  
Safe Inc.*

Lisanne McNew is the President of SAFE where she is responsible for overseeing internal operations, business development, maximizing the company's operating performance, and helping to achieve its financial goals. Lisanne has over 15 years' experience of owning and operating organizations, including working with the DoD and government contractors. She is an adjunct instructor for the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, and serves on the Executive Committee as the Chair for the National Association of Workforce Boards, the Chair on the Executive Committee for the Colorado Workforce Development Council, Past Chair for the Pikes Peak Workforce Development Board, Past Chairman for Junior Achievement of Southern Colorado, on the Executive Board of Directors for the Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado, and on the Board of Directors for the Military Affairs Council, among several others. Lisanne received her BS from the University of Northern Colorado and her MA in Leadership, Research, and Development from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. She is a Native of Colorado.



## **Longinos Gonzalez Jr.**

*Commissioner, District 4*

*Board of El Paso County Commissioners*

Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. serves District 4 on the Board of County Commissioners. His district encompasses southern and eastern El Paso County, including the Towns of Fountain, Security/Widefield, Hanover, Ellicott, Rush, Yoder and the south-southeast areas of Colorado Springs as well as the unincorporated area of Stratmoor Hills.

Graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1992, Longinos returned to Colorado Springs because of his love for the outdoors and beauty of the region, particularly the mountainous Front Range. He enjoys hiking in our areas' great parks and trails and is an avid fisherman and tennis player. His background includes a 20-year career as an Air Force Intelligence officer, retiring as a Lt. Colonel in 2012. Longinos has a Master's Degree in science education and he was a teacher with Harrison School District 2 prior to his election.

Longinos' community involvement includes serving on the State Board of Veterans Affairs, the boards of CASA and the Fountain Valley Senior Center, and being a volunteer Sunday school teacher and lector at his church. Longinos took the oath of office for his second four-year term on January 12, 2021.



## Lynette Crow-Iverson

*Councilmember At-Large  
City of Colorado Springs*

Lynette Crow-Iverson was the Founder, President and CEO of Conspire! A groundbreaking Industry Compliance firm. Conspire! rapidly grew to serve over thousands of companies, schools, and organizations with locations across the world. Due to Lynette's experience as a trauma and cardiac nurse, combined with her keen insight into workforce trends and business needs she immediately identified a market potential for industry compliance in the safe and drug-free workplace, this led to a seamless transition into a position of management of medical operations in Occupational Medicine offering a safety net of services for Employers. In 2008, Lynette became the managing partner of HealthQuest Medical Services, a Workers Compensation Medical Clinic in Colorado Springs.

Lynette is a respected authority routinely called upon by members in her industry and beyond. In addition to launching one of the state's most innovative businesses in the past decade, she served on several boards and commissions dedicated to improving, enriching, and enhancing the quality of life in Colorado Springs. Recognized as an expert in business ethics and corporate compliance, Lynette was one of the founding mayor-appointed trustees for the Colorado Springs Health Foundation and served for two years as the chair for the Pikes Peak Workforce Authority Board. She currently sits on the Regional Connect Committee for the Chancellor of UCCS and is the Vice Chair of UHealth- Grandview Hospital Board and a UCHA State Board Member. Lynette has received the women of distinction award from the Girls Scouts of America and the prestigious S. Jerrard Smith Community Service Award from Pikes Peak United Way.

Lynette ran many successful campaigns under the Suthers administration including 2C, 2C2, PPRTA, and TOPS.

Since the sale of her businesses in April 2022, Lynette ran for City Council At Large and was elected on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and now serves on Colorado Springs City Council as President Pro-Tem.



## Marvin Lee, MD

*Co-Founder*

*PureLee Redefined*

Marvin Lee, MD, MBA is a board-certified aesthetics and internal medicine practitioner serving the community of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Dr. Lee is the co-founder of PureLee Redefined Med Spa. Dr. Lee completed his bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. He earned his medical degree at Morehouse School of Medicine, in Atlanta, Georgia and completed his internal medicine residency at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Lee served as an active-duty Air Force physician at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and served in the Colorado Air National Guard at Buckley AFB in Aurora, CO. After serving his country he completed a master's degree in business administration from IE Business School in Madrid, Spain. He also served as chief medical officer in Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Dr. Lee recently completed the Civic Governor's Fellowship Program and serves on the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Board of Directors.



## McKae Spillane

McKae Spillane is the second of four children. Born in South Carolina, her family made the cross-country move to Washington when she was 12. After graduating from high school her college career began at BYU Idaho and culminated at BYU Hawaii where she was awarded a Bachelors Degree in International Cultural Studies with an emphasis in Humanities and a minor in Conflict Resolution. McKae's travels continued to France, Italy, Florida, Cambodia, Utah, Texas, and Colorado. These journeys helped her learn how to be "the new person" and to make friends wherever she went.

McKae's occupations have included Walt Disney World (FL), The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints History Library (SLC), The Salt Lake City Public Library (UT), The Arbinger Institute (UT), Summit Rock Climbing Gym (TX), and several others. For the last 5 years she has owned and operated an online clothing reselling business out of her home.

Together with her husband, Creed, they are raising their family of three sons, two daughters, and one African Savannah Cat.



## **Melissa Woody**

*Registered Nurse*

Melissa Woody is a Register Nurse (RNC) working in the Labor and Delivery department at St. Francis Hospital. Melissa is certified in Advanced Cardiac and Basic life support, Certified Obstetrics Nurse, Electric Fedal Monitoring and is Chair of Obstetrics Emergency Committee at St. Francis. Melissa strives to advocate for her patient's care using evidence-based practice. She is a three-time nominee of the "Daisy Award" which patients elect nominees for excellent patient care. Melissa is a proud mother of two beautiful daughters, married to her husband for 25 years, loves traveling, hiking, and live music.





## Michael Palmer

*Senior Broker*

*Quantum Commercial Group*

Michael Palmer is at the top of his office brokerage profession in Colorado Springs having facilitated more commercial real estate transactions than any other broker in the region. To date, he has closed more than \$1.5 billion in real estate transactions, including successful transactions totaling over 8 million square feet of leasing space, sales in excess of 5,000 acres of investment and development land, and more than 7 million square feet of office and R & D building investment and user sales.

Palmer is the past President of the Colorado Chapter of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors® (SIOR) and remains an active participant with this elite group. He was chosen as one of the Top 25 Influential People in Real Estate in the Southern Colorado Region. Palmer is active in many civic and community projects in the Springs area.



## Michelle Talarico

*Councilmember, District 3  
City Of Colorado Springs*

Being a Colorado College Alum helped build a passion for community & service. She has served on many non-profit boards including Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Children's Literacy Center, Greenberg Center for Learning and Tolerance, The Colorado Springs Wine Festival, Colorado Springs Leadership Institute, Colorado Caterers Association, The International Caterers Association, Colorado Springs Diversity forum, and Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care.

Michelle is a 2002 graduate of the CSLI program at The Center for Creative Leadership in Colorado Springs, Care and Share, NAMI and The Colorado Event Alliance. She was the chair of several successful fundraising events, JDRF Promise Ball, Children's Literacy Center Vintners dinner, Colorado Springs Wine Festival Grand Tasting. And most recently, the board chair for the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute. Michelle was the humble recipient of the 2021 Athena Award presented by CSCEDC. In September Michelle was awarded the Smith Tutt Positive Impact Award from The Colorado Springs Leadership Institute. Michelle and her partner Kathy have been making a direct social impact to the Pikes Peak Region for the past 30+ years.

Her companies have been constant winners in the Gold Best Catering Category for thirty plus years in the Independent, The Gazette, The Business Journal & Colorado Meetings and Events. Her companies employ one hundred full and part time employees in Colorado Springs and beyond. Michelle has one son, Sam Talarico, who is a 2021 graduate from The University of Colorado/Boulder and the light of her life.



## Nancy Henjum

*Councilmember, District 5  
City of Colorado Springs*

Nancy Henjum is a 30-year resident of City Council District 5. Her dad was Joe Henjum, an Air Force pilot who was an instructor at the Air Force Academy where Nancy spent several years of her childhood. She received her Master of Social Work degree from Loyola University in Chicago, where she worked as a clinical therapist before moving with her husband to start a family in Colorado Springs. She and her husband, Steve Kern, a retired schoolteacher, have raised two children, now grown. Nancy's professional life in Colorado has included being the Chief Operations Officer for a public-private partnership that managed behavioral health services for 43 of the 63 counties in the state. She was also a faculty member at the Center for Creative Leadership, engaging in leadership development and executive coaching. She runs her own leadership consultancy business, working with a wide variety of organizations, both large and small, including energy companies, arts groups, non-profits, and civic entities.



## **Dr. Patti Dare**

*Executive Vice President & Chief Growth Officer  
Davidson Technologies, Inc*

Dr. Patti Dare serves as Davidson's Executive Vice President & Chief Growth Officer. She is responsible for business development and strategy, marketing and communications, congressional coordination, and community engagements, enterprise wide.

Dr. Dare has extensive senior level experience in the Huntsville region for more than 15 years, where she has established excellent customer, community, and political relationships. Prior to joining Davidson, Dare was the Huntsville Site Executive for Raytheon Technologies and the Requirements and Capabilities Executive for the Strategic Missile Defense (SMD) mission area. As Huntsville Site Executive, Dr. Dare developed the mission and strategy, provided oversight for site activities, and served as an ambassador for the community, customer, universities, and political activities. Dr. Dare led the business development organization for SMD to provide innovative and integrated solutions for customers.



## **Paul Palmer**

*Senior Broker*

*Quantum Commercial Group*

As a former member of the U.S. National Kayaking Team and a former national champion, Paul traveled and lived throughout the world before returning to Colorado to graduate with a bachelor's degree in business. He is now working on some of the largest commercial projects in Colorado Springs specializing in office and industrial leasing and investment sales.



## **Rachel Gardner, PH.D.**

*Director of Strategic Initiatives  
National Cybersecurity Center*

Dr. Rachel Gardner is the Director of Strategic Initiatives at the National Cybersecurity Center. In 2020 she earned her Ph.D. from Emory University in Comparative Literature (Continental Philosophy). To her work at the NCC she brings a passion for education and a commitment to fostering interdisciplinary perspectives on the ever-shifting domains of space and cyber.



## Randy Case

*President and General Counsel  
Case International Company*

Randy grew up in Colorado Springs and received his bachelor's degree from UCCS and J.D. from University of Denver Sturm College of Law. He is President and General counsel of Case International Company, a regional, national, and international real estate company based in Colorado Springs. He also holds a Colorado real estate broker license celebrating his 44th year in the real estate business in 2023. Randy has given back to the community serving on many boards and committees for the City and County as well as real estate industry organizations. Randy presently serves on the National Association of Home Builders Board, the Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority Board and he is Board Chair of the Pikes Peak Association of Realtors. Randy was one of the founding Board members of the first Downtown Colorado Springs Business Improvement District and Downtown Partnership. Randy is an Elder Trustee and Corporate Treasurer at First Presbyterian Church as well as long time Board member of the Church Foundation. He is a Trustee for the University of Colorado Foundation.



## Renee Behr

*Owner/Broker*

*The Platinum Group, Realtors - Behr and Behr*

Renee has been working alongside her husband Ed since they were married in 1987. She was a mom at first but was able to work part-time while the kids were in school. Now the kids are gone and as a licensed Real estate broker she can multi-task a variety of tasks with showing properties, writing contracts, keeping the office organized, and being the central contact person in listening and providing care to the client's needs.

Renee's heart desires to connect its clients to the right home and in the community. Community involvement is also a passion of hers and in 1997 she founded a non-profit to enhance the relationship between fathers and daughters. A daughters' heart offers an annual father-daughter dinner dance for 1800 attendees.





## **Dr. Richard ‘Doc’ Klodnicki**

*President & Chief Executive Officer  
Aereti*

Dr. Richard H. ‘Doc’ Klodnicki is President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of AERETI, Inc. Doc has 38 years of experience as a leader in operations and technical program management in both the federal and commercial technology and defense markets. He is a retired Veteran of the U.S. Air Force, retiring after 20 years of service in 2005. While on active duty, Doc held a variety of command and staff assignments in Space and Missile Operations for the US Air Force. Prior to his roles as CEO of AERETI, Doc served as a Chief Growth Officer (CGO), Program Director, Program Manager, and Chief Scientist in various Government contracting companies ranging from small, economically disadvantaged companies to major large corporations. Dr. Klodnicki received his PhD from the University of Denver, earning the Dissertation of the Year Award. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and was also President of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the NDIA, recipient of both the Model Chapter and Chapter of Excellence awards. Doc serves on other boards to include the Military Affairs Council (MAC) for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce & EDC. He resides in Colorado Springs with his wife Monica and their daughter.



## Robert Beletic

*Aerospace and Defense Industry Manager  
OEDIT*

Beletic, who is a retired Air Force general and highly decorated, combat-proven commander and fighter pilot, has over 25 years of senior executive experience in all aspects of strategy, operations, and financial management for governmental and private organizations. That has included a wide range of strategic military and defense roles, including Strategist for the UAE Ministry of Defense, Director of Operations for the Canadian Air Force, and Commander of a USAF Fighter Wing. After serving half his career overseas and retiring from the Air Force in 2013, Beletic and his family selected Colorado as their permanent home. In Denver, Robert served as a vice president in financial services, taught physics and coached robotics at Regis Jesuit High School, and spent a year in defense consulting in the Middle East. Beletic most recently served as ATP's Executive Director of Defense Relationships, a United States Air Force and United States Space Force adjunct professor and a certified kitesurfing instructor. Beletic is also a board member and rider on the Air and Space Forces Cycling Team and is closing in on his quest to run a marathon on every continent. Only Antarctica remains. As Aerospace and Defense Industry Manger, Beletic will connect, convene, and build trusting relationships between all sectors of the ecosystem, including federal, state, and local governments, research and development institutions, investors, trade associations, and the general public. He will also support Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera in her role as the National Chair of the Aerospace States Association and the co-chair of the Colorado Space Coalition. Beletic's work will be vital for Colorado to address the industry's unique and complex need to integrate national security, civil, and commercial space infrastructure and actors into our aerospace and defense-focused economic development efforts. Beletic graduated from the Air Force Academy with a BS Aeronautical Engineering. He has since added a Master of Public Administration, Master of Aeronautical Science, and most recently in 2015, a Master of Finance from University of Denver. He and his wife Anne have three children and are expecting their first grandchild in August.



## Rodney Gullatte, Jr

*Owner*

*Firma IT Solutions and Services, LLP*

I am a US Air Force Veteran and Honorary Commander at USAFA. I'm a Certified Ethical Hacker and CEO of Firma IT Solutions. We provide real managed IT and Cybersecurity for private companies. I'm 1 of 50 professionals globally inducted into the 2023 EC-Council Chief Information Security Officer Hall of Fame. I serve as President/CEO of the Colorado Springs Black Chamber of Commerce. I also serve on the boards of the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC, Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado, Colorado Community eSports, Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region and the Rotary Club of Colorado Springs Foundation. I serve on the Economic Vitality Team for the City of Colorado Springs. I'm a Colorado Governors Fellow, 2019 Colorado Springs Leadership Institute Alumni, Colorado Springs Mayor's Civic Leader's Fellow. I love working in this community and I can't wait to see what happens next...



## **Ron Fitch, P.E.**

*President,*

*UCHealth Pikes Peak Regional Hospital and Grandview Hospital*

Ron Fitch was appointed VP of Operations and Military Affairs in 2018. He brings more than two decades of leadership experience to UCHealth after retiring as a Colonel and serving nearly 24 years in the military. Most recently he served as Garrison Commander at Fort Carson, where his responsibilities included public works, emergency services, security, and all training apparatus on the post. His Army Special Forces background also includes numerous deployments to high-risk areas around the globe and several high-level positions centering on strategic and operational planning. COL Fitch has received numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star. He holds a Professional Engineer Registration in the State of Missouri, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University, a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla, a Master of Science in International Relations from Troy University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.



## Ryan Parsell

*Executive Director of Government Affairs  
El Paso County*

Ryan Parsell is the Executive Director of Government Affairs for El Paso County, Colorado. In his role, Parsell leads the efforts to execute the organization's public policy goals and communicate the Board of County Commissioners' positions on state and federal legislation to lawmakers. He also leads the county's award-winning constituent services program as well as executive level administrative support for the elected Board of County Commissioners. Prior to his position as Government Affairs Executive Director, Parsell served county residents as the Chief Public Information Officer, and as both the Chief Deputy and Public Information Officer for the Clerk and Recorder's Office. Parsell also served as the Colorado Deputy State Treasurer, where he executed over \$1 billion dollars in complex C.O.P. transactions for the state that resulted in millions of taxpayer dollars saved. In that role, he managed day-to-day operations of the office, implemented changes in the Unclaimed Property program, and shepherded the Treasurer's legislative priorities. Ryan has lived in Colorado Springs since 2005. He is married to Christiana, and together they have one child. In his free time, Ryan enjoys recreating international dessert dishes, target shooting, and studying political theory.



## **Ryan Roberts MBA, CISSP**

*Principal  
Deloitte*

MBA, CISSP, CISM, GCIH & MCITP with over 21 years of experience integrating and managing teams of integrators to engineer, implement, and secure advanced computer networks and server infrastructures. A highly motivated, self-directed individual with a superior track record of solving complex business cases with technology using a combined skill set of extensive technical knowledge and exceptional people skills. Customer service oriented providing extensive feedback and a genuine understanding of user and business challenges. Very comfortable with large healthcare and DoD networks, user issues, and security requirements. Skilled in many technologies from Cisco to Windows to Apple in large, networked environments consisting of COTS products integrated with industry specific and mission critical custom application systems.



## Sallie Clark

*Government & Military Affairs - Office of the Mayor  
City Of Colorado Springs*

Sallie Clark is the Senior Advisor for Government & Military Engagement in the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs at the City of Colorado Springs. She is a military wife and has served in local, state and national government-related positions. She previously served as the State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development for Colorado. At USDA, she managed Colorado's seven offices and worked with rural communities on affordable housing, business and economic development and community infrastructure (to include healthcare) projects. She is a past president of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and was elected to committee leadership with Colorado Counties, Inc. She also served on the Colorado Springs City Council and Colorado Springs Utilities Board. She is a longtime business owner and entrepreneur and has owned her own successful business for over 37 years. Sallie is passionate about community service, collaboration and volunteerism.



## **Scott Bryan**

*Chief Executive Officer  
Bryan Construction*

Scott began his career in construction as a field engineer and project manager before founding Bryan Construction. Since then, Scott Bryan has continued to lead the company as Chief Executive Officer. His dynamic leadership guides the company as we reach new heights in our mission for Performance Excellence. As an active member of his community, Scott gives his time to various civic and charitable organizations such as the Pikes Peak Range Riders and the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Foundation.





## Scott Sage

*Chief Operations Officer  
National Cybersecurity Center*

Before joining NCC, Scott spearheaded the development of a new space cybersecurity market at Peraton Inc. and prior to that with Northrop Grumman successfully designed and launched a prototype IR sensor payload in record time. Scott has been praised for his innovative technology development, securing patents, and increasing worldwide frequency access for satellite communications. As a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and former US Navy Commander, Scott's expertise extends across counter-hypersonics development, cyber defense systems, and advanced space operations programs. He actively volunteers in various leadership roles, recently co-chaired the Space ISAC Information Sharing Working Group and currently co-chairs the DHS CISA Future of Space Working Group, while also contributing to community organizations and his church. Scott holds a Master of Science in Space Systems Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Bachelor's in Nuclear Engineering and Journalism & Mass Communication from Iowa State University.



## **Dr. Shawn Murray**

*President/ CEO*

*Murray Security Services*

Shawn Murray is President and CAO at Murray Security Services and was previously assigned to the United States Missile Defense Agency as a senior cybersecurity professional. His previous assignments include work with the US Army Cyber Command in Europe, US Air Force and with Commercial Industry in various roles in Information Assurance and cybersecurity. He has traveled the globe performing physical and cybersecurity assessments on critical national defense and coalition programs and has prepared reports for the House Armed Services Committee and has testified for the U.S. Senate on small business concerns. He is the lead cyber consultant at the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and sits on the national SBDC cyber working group.

Dr. Murray has worked with SBA, Colorado Attorney General's office, NSA, FBI, CIA and the US Defense and State Departments on various Cyber initiatives and has over 20 years of IT, communications and cybersecurity experience. He has presented as a featured or keynote speaker for numerous conferences across the globe and enjoys teaching and presenting as a guest lecturer on Cybersecurity, business and computer science courses at his Cyber Academy and for several universities. He has several industry recognized certifications to include the C|CISO, CISSP and CRISC. He holds several degrees to include an Applied Doctorate in Computer Science with a concentration in Enterprise Information Systems.

Dr. Murray is a Distinguished Fellow at the Information Systems Security Association and was recently elected as the new President to the International Board of Directors. He is a member of ISC2, ACM, IEEE, ISACA and the Colorado Springs World Affairs Council. He enjoys spending time traveling with his family, researching and collaborating with other professionals in cybersecurity and Cyber Law and plays soccer on a local league in Colorado Springs.



## Shelley Jensen

*Founder | Chief Executive Officer,  
We Fortify*

Manager for a community of technologists in SMART - the Strategic Management of Architecture, Resources, and Technology. Charged with collaborating, not duplicating initiatives to reduce costs and share best practices. She left MCI when her first child was born but continued to stay involved in the community. She co-founded BRIDGES, a youth leadership program that works with the community to solve problems within schools and Shelley grew up in Minnesota and moved to Colorado Springs in 1994. She worked at MCI as she was also the co-founder of the Pikes Peak Lacrosse Association. As her children got older, she took a position as the Director of Operations and Strategic Development for the United States Box Lacrosse Association. There, her responsibility was to ensure that USBOXLA had the resources necessary to accomplish its goals and objectives, to grow the game and that USBOXLA's activities across the United States were successfully executed while creating a positive community culture. Today, she is the Founder and CEO of We Fortify, a non-profit that exists to pivot people out of poverty and into a state of economic and emotional stability and social connectedness. We Fortify does this by implementing four integrated strategies within a centralized environment: safe dignified housing within a small supportive community, consistent individualized trauma-responsive therapies, life skills education and living wage training and career placement. She is passionate about solving problems and creating healthy communities as displayed in her work history.



## Stan VanderWerf

*Commissioner, District 3  
Board of El Paso County Commissioners*

Stan VanderWerf serves District 3 on the Board of County Commissioners. His district encompasses central and western El Paso County. Commissioner VanderWerf is founder of several small businesses and previously served 28 years in the US Air Force. He is active in the community providing award-winning expertise to many local and national non-profits. He is married to Betsy and has two children, Erik and Carolyn. His hobbies include mountain climbing, skiing, and flying. Among his professional achievements, VanderWerf received the Industry Cluster Team Award from the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and the El Pomar Institute. He is a Bronze Star awardee for his service in Iraq and a Legion of Merit awardee for his military service. Stan is a Distinguished Graduate from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces achieving a Masters Degree in public policy and budgeting. Commissioner VanderWerf has been assigned around the world having served in Korea, Iraq, and Germany. He served in NORAD NORTHCOM at Peterson Space Force Base, at Schriever Space Force Base, is a former director of the Air Force's C-130 E/H program office, and served in the acquisition directorate of Special Operations Command.



## Stephanie Edwards

*Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer  
Gold Hill Mesa*

As Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Gold Hill Mesa, Colorado Springs' vibrant west side residential development, Stephanie has oversight of strategic planning, marketing, management, and business development. In this capacity, she has proven results in leading the project through the market downturn, shaping, and growing the residential neighborhood for over a decade. She works alongside the company's chairmen in ground floor planning of a future commercial village. Prior to joining Gold Hill Mesa in 2006, Stephanie worked as a promotion's producer for KOAA News. She hails from Atlanta, GA, and is a graduate of Agnes Scott College. She began her career at Turner Broadcasting's CNN Headquarters as associate producer for the Environmental Unit's "Earth Matters" and Time Magazine Show. Her foray into development began at Turner Entertainment Group where she was part of the marketing and development team for a new state-of-the-art production studio and network operations center for Turner Classic Movies, TNT, TBS, and The Cartoon Network. In addition to her responsibilities at Gold Hill Mesa, Stephanie is active in the local community, having served as a columnist for the Cheyenne Edition covering non-profit news, and as a contributing writer for Springs Style Magazine. She has organized many collaborative civic events, concerts, and art exhibits at Gold Hill Mesa's community center, to help promote local non-profits, the arts, and to connect business/ government leaders and citizens who shape Colorado Springs and build community. Stephanie has served on the Board of the Colorado Springs School and the Catamount Institute, as well as Rocky Mountain PBS Advisory Committee, Pikes Peak Opera League, Discover Goodwill, Pikes Peak Community College, The Resource Exchange, and Newborn Hope committees.



## Steve Friedman

*Vice President, Business Development  
LinQuest Corporation*

Steve is currently serving as Vice President of Business Development for LinQuest. He spent 36 years in the Defense business and 5 years in Air Force Civil Service. He grew up in Dayton, OH and moved to Colorado Springs in 2004. He has a BS in Systems Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and an MS in Management Science from University of Dayton. He worked at Wright-Patterson AFB from 1987-2004 (ASD/EN, Veda/Veridian/General Dynamics), then moved to COS and started at LinQuest in 2007. He married his wife Laurie in 1996.



## Steven Weiner

*Vice President*  
*Edw. C. Levy Co*

Steven Weiner is Vice President of the Edw. C. Levy Co., an international, privately held industrial conglomerate with interests in steel mill services, materials handling, construction aggregates, asphalt, and concrete. The company has an extensive real estate portfolio related to industrial and mining activities in Michigan and Colorado. Mr. Weiner manages Real Estate for the firm. Prior to joining the Edw. C. Levy Co, Mr. Weiner held various development management positions in Orlando, Florida and Paris, France for Disney Development Company (1987-1995). Mr. Weiner holds degrees from Stanford University and Harvard Business School.



## Teona Shainidze Krebs

*Chief Librarian and CEO  
Pikes Peak Library District*

Teona Shainidze Krebs is Chief Librarian and CEO for Pikes Peak Library District. She is at the helm of Colorado's second largest public library district, which serves nearly 700,000 residents across 2,070 square miles of El Paso County, Colo. With more than 400 employees, PPLD cultivates spaces for belonging, personal growth, and strong communities via 16 facilities, mobile library services, and a large online hub of resources.

Teona previously served as Chief Public Services Officer and Deputy Chief Librarian, and Director of Adult Education prior to that, for the Library District. She holds a B.A. in foreign language (English) and two master's degrees in Communication and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Teona is expected to graduate with a master's degree in library science from Emporia State University in 2023.

Teona was born and raised in the country of Georgia. She speaks Georgian, Russian, and English languages.





## Tim Seibert

*Sr. Vice President  
Norwood Development Group*

Tim is truly committed to making The Springs a great place to live. As Sr. Vice President, he oversees Norwood's master-planned community portfolio, including its most ambitious undertaking to date, the 18,000-acre Banning Lewis Ranch. Through this effort, he is guiding a team of the nation's leading planners and designers to explore how 21st-century technology and cultural trends can guide the growth of The Springs over the next 75 years. Tim is also a leader in the community, serving on many boards and committees that seek to improve the quality of life in the Pikes Peak region. In 2019, Tim was named a Colorado Governor's Fellow, a program that promotes engagement between the private sector, non-profits, and public agencies to ensure entrepreneurial leadership throughout the community and encourages leaders to become more engaged in the future of Colorado. He and his wife Kathryn have two children, Emma, and Jack. As a family, they share their passion for Colorado by enjoying the state's numerous outdoor activities.



## Travas Deal

*Chief Executive Office  
Colorado Springs Utilities*

Travas joined Colorado Springs Utilities in 2017 as Field Services Manager. In 2018, Deal transitioned to the Energy Services Division, serving in a district manager role then two general manager positions, leading significant process improvements for the utility. He was named Chief Operations Officer in April 2020, responsible for the safe and reliable operations of the utility's four services – electric, natural gas, water and wastewater. He also served as the utility's acting CEO prior to being named CEO.

Deal served as a U.S. Marine for a decade before a successful career in transportation – first in rail-based freight transportation and later at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana. He joined Duke Energy in 2008, working at Gibson Generating Station, the largest coal generating plant in the United States at 3,250 megawatts. During his tenure at Duke, he held various management roles in operations and maintenance, including operations excellence manager. Deal holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Oakland City University.



## Trevor Nolan

*Director  
Nooks, LLC*

Trevor is a Combat Veteran, Entrepreneur, Author, Defense Expert, Colorado Governor's Fellow, and Ph.D. Student at the University of Denver. He is a Non-Profit Leader and Social Advocate and an Adelante & Lideramos Latino Leadership Fellow. In his for-profit life, Trevor is the Director for Nooks Colorado and CEO or Partner of four other Veteran-owned small businesses. He has served as a senior leader and capability developer covering a broad portfolio of classified technology and led the transition of these capabilities to the Department of Defense. He is an Air Force Veteran with 21 years of experience at the tactical, operational, and combatant command organizational levels, focusing on air, space, cyber, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and command and control systems. He has served in conventional and special operations and is a two-time Bronze Star recipient. Trevor is a champion for our military, Veterans, and their families. Lately, you can find him at military installations across the West, engaging with the military community and handing out free financial literacy books.



## Victor Correa

*GSA Account Manager  
OS Offices*

Victor Correa was born and raised in Denver Colorado and moved to Colorado Springs in 2015 with his wife and daughters. After working on a 13 month long project at PAFB with OS Offices (formally OfficeScapes) he aimed to live in Springs and work at OS Offices. He has been in the office furniture business for 24 years and is currently the GSA Account Manager for OS Offices.



## Vincent Persichetti

*Vice President, Administration  
Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC*

Vinnie Persichetti is the Vice President, Administration for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation. In this position, he is responsible for management of the day-to-day activities of the Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Corporation's office and functions. Vinnie leads the internal functions of the organization, ensuring it is appropriately staffed, managed, and governed to ensure the fulfillment of the Chamber & EDC's mission and values. He provides leadership over asset management, cross-departmental operations, compliance, procurement, administration, IT, human resources, office operations, and the finance team. Finally, Vinnie coordinates with the senior leadership team to develop and meet broad organizational goals. Vinnie previously served in the United States Air Force and retired in November 2017 as a Chief Master Sergeant with 30 years of service.



## Wayne Williams

*Attorney*

*Law Office of Wayne Williams*

Wayne Williams is an attorney with a practice concentrated in employment, government, and elections law. Since 2003, Wayne has served in a host of public positions including Colorado's 38<sup>th</sup> Secretary of State, Chair of Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado Springs City Council, and El Paso County Commissioner and Clerk & Recorder. Wayne was named *Leader of Democracy* by the Colorado League of Women Voters and *Regional Leader of the Year* by the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC. He most recently served as co-chair of the Infrastructure Solutions Team for Colorado Springs. Wayne has a bachelor's degree from BYU in Political Science and a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. Wayne and his wife Holly (El Paso County Commissioner) have four grown children with nine degrees completed or underway. Wayne is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC.



## Wes Georges

*Founder, President & Chief Executive Officer  
Apogee Engineering, LLC*

Mr. Wes Georges is a founding member and President/CEO of Apogee Engineering. Mr. Georges has helped to grow Apogee to almost 650 full-time employees in 17 states with an annual revenue of approximately \$140M.

Wes's professional career started with Lockheed Martin Technical Operations (LMTO) as a part of the LM Mission Control Team, after which he worked for General Dynamics. He supported several research and development projects about multi-mission SOC with General Dynamics before joining Booz Allen Hamilton where he worked for 3 years before founding Apogee.

Mr. Georges earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from Walla Walla University in Washington state. He spends his free time raising and planning activities with his son and daughter, ages 7 and 6. Wes is a scratch golfer and enjoys competing in local and state amateur events. He likes fly fishing, skiing, bird hunting, scuba diving, camping, and outdoor activities in general.



## William Mutch

*President*

*Mutch Government Relations*

William Mutch, President of Mutch Government Relations, works with government relations at the local, State, and Federal levels.

Mutch has a strong track record managing associations, winning candidate campaign and legislative issues, building effective grassroots programs, managing political action committees, fundraising strategies, and building/managing broad legislative coalitions.

Experience includes campaigns for state and federal offices and organizing large statewide campaign efforts. As a lobbyist and association manager, Mutch has represented some of the largest companies and legislative coalitions, both nationally and in Colorado. He has also organized successful statewide initiative campaigns and has broad experience counseling business clients, elected officials, and candidates on both legislative and media issues. Additionally, Mutch has worked in the capital markets and understands financial services issues from the standpoint of the private sector as someone who has raised alternative investment capital and structured municipal bond transactions.





## Yemi Mobolade

*Mayor*

*City of Colorado Springs*

Yemi collaborates for the health, growth and flourishing of Colorado Springs making his impact through economic development, entrepreneurship, community development, ministry, and leadership development. In his role as Small Business Development Administrator for the City of Colorado Springs, Yemi serves as the City's first point of contact to the small business and start-up community. He is the central figure in the city to support business enterprises across the myriad agencies, putting a strategy in place to assist small businesses. Yemi, a Nigerian Immigrant, served as the Vice President of Business Retention and Expansion for the Colorado Springs Chamber & Economic Development Corporation. He co-founded the Wild Goose Meeting House, Good Neighbors Meeting House, Niche Coaching and Consulting, and has established a church. He was the minister of City Outreach and Engagement at First Presbyterian Church Colorado Springs and spent a previous career in quality control manufacturing. A strong community advocate, Yemi, holds two master's degrees, and is involved with many boards. He currently serves on the Pikes Peak Community College President's Advisory Council, Men's Xchange Board of Directors, Spring Rescue Mission Board of Directors, Thrive Colorado Springs Board of Directors, and is a Co-founder and Chairperson of COSILoveYou, a collaborative gospel movement that exists to unite and ignite Colorado Springs churches to love the city through city engagement and service. Yemi is a member of the 2020 Class of Colorado Governor's Fellows and the 2016 Class of the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute. His recognitions include, 2019 Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation's Quality of Life Award, 2018 Colorado Springs Small Business Champion of the Year, 2016 Colorado Springs Business Journal's Rising Stars, 2015 Colorado Springs Mayor's Young Leader Award for Economic Impact, and 2016 Alumnus of the Year from his alma mater Bethel University. Above all, his proudest achievement is his family. He and his beautiful wife Abbey, a nurse educator, are parents of an adopted son and two biological children.



## Yolanda Avila

*Councilmember, District 4  
City of Colorado Springs*

Yolanda Avila and her family have lived in Colorado Springs since 1958 when her father was stationed at Fort Carson. Yolanda started kindergarten at Fort Carson and graduated from Colorado College in 1985 with a BA in International Political Economy. In 1990, Yolanda began work as a criminal defense investigator in Orange County, CA. She also worked as a field supervisor and mentor to the local university students. In 1998, Yolanda was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa, a degenerative eye disease that has a prognosis of blindness. Avila retired from the OC public defender's office in 2011 when she returned home to be near her mother. Avila immediately championed several causes in the city by improving transit accessibility, fixed bus routes and frequency. Her commitment to improving infrastructure in her district resulted in an unprecedented amount of infrastructure construction, including roads, bridges, sidewalks, and ADA ramp construction. She is very proud of the completion of the bridge at Airport Road over Spring Creek that is now safe and provides ample pedestrian walkways. She is also excited of the work that has commenced on the South Academy Boulevard Reconstruction in early 2023 and the Circle Drive Bridges Replacement project. Prior to serving on the City Council there had never been an Urban Renewal Authority Project in Southeast, however she has now championed two URA designations for economic development. Councilmember Avila spearheaded the renovation of Panorama Park, the largest neighborhood park in the city that contains an abundance of amenities. Yolanda's guide dog Puma accompanies her to the many boards, commissions, and committees where she serves gratefully as both a City Councilmember and a CSU board director.