

# Byers, Minton and Associates

This Week at the Statehouse

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## Around the Square

### Get to Know Tom Patton: State Representative

Republican Tom Patton comes to the House after serving as an Ohio Senator from 2008 until 2016. Patton additionally served as an Ohio Representative from 2003 to 2008. A native of the Cleveland area, Patton is a member of the Cleveland Police Historical Society, president of the Treasurers and Ticket Sellers Local 756, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Patton received his Bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University and worked as a small business owner, marketing consultant, and business consultant for Blue Technologies.

### Get to Know Dave Greenspan: State Representative

Republican Dave Greenspan is serving his first term as an Ohio Representative for the 16th District. Greenspan has served on two city/county councils in Sandy Springs, Georgia and Cuyahoga County, Ohio. During his time at Sandy Springs, Greenspan helped establish the Fire and Police Departments and developed the city's first Fund Balance Reserve Policy. While serving on Cuyahoga County Council, he chaired the Finance and Budgeting Committee. A graduate from Troy University in Alabama, Greenspan has worked as a COO and CEO. His priorities during his term include economic development and revitalizing our neighborhoods.

### Budget Timeline

Among the top priorities for this General Assembly will be the state budget. Provided here is a potential timeline for the budget process. Please note this is subject to change. The budget is expected to be released in early February and remain in the House until mid-April. It will head to the Senate where it will likely be debated until the middle of June. Conference Committee will be scheduled for the end of June with a final signature by Governor Kasich on or before July 1st.

### Legislative Retreats

Each chamber has their upcoming legislative retreat to discuss their priorities and agenda for the General Assembly. The Senate will be gone next week on January 18th and 19th and the House the following week from January 25th through the 27th. Topics of discussion may include agenda items, committee discussions, and general legislative priorities.

## Political News and Notes

### Kasich Discusses Future of Ohio

On Thursday, the Columbus Partnership held a "Looking Ahead" seminar in which House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, Senate President Larry Obhof, and Governor John Kasich spoke about the upcoming two years in Ohio and their priorities moving forward. Both Rosenberger and Obhof were brief and reiterated legislative priorities such as education, economic development, and the opioid epidemic. Governor Kasich stressed a balanced budget and investments in technology for continued growth in the state.

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