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Up to \$60K 'invested' in podcast

JobsOhio committed to pay \$15,000 per episode of 'The Callout', whose host is linked to OSU's Carter

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JobsOhio committed to pay up to \$60,000 to sponsor four episodes of "The Callout Podcast" with the woman linked to former Ohio State University President Ted Carter, though viewers can no longer tune into the result of that hefty investment.

A spokesperson for JobsOhio told The Dispatch it "invested" \$15,000 per

episode as part of a four-episode pilot series, though only one episode was completed. It was unclear whether the organization paid for all four episodes or just the completed one.

JobsOhio President J.P. Nauseef previously said his organization paid \$15,000 to sponsor the episode he appeared on with host Krisanthe Vlachos, Carter, Ohio Department of Veterans Services Director John C. Harris

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Ohio State board to announce its next president at meeting

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Ohio State University's board of trustees will reveal the next university leader at a March 12 meeting, though an Ohio State spokesperson would not clarify whether that announcement involves an interim or permanent president.

Ohio State University's board of trustees is scheduled to meet at 9 a.m.

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Ohio State not giving former President Ted Carter any additional compensation beyond his contract. **2A**

March 12 at the Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road, just days after President Ted Carter resigned over an inappropriate relationship.

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STATE OF THE CITY

Ginther: Columbus is safe and welcoming

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As Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther eyes a fourth term, he delivered a State of the City address spotlighting progress on lowering crime and building housing.

At his speech on the evening of March 10 at Harmony Project, Ginther said Columbus is living through its most consequential decade of the 21st century.

Ginther told The Dispatch ahead of the address that he believes this time is so important because of the city's rapid growth and everything going on at the state, federal, and even international level.

"It is critical for us to stay focused on coming together, making sure that this is a safe and welcoming community for all and continuing to do everything in our power to bring down the cost of living for folks," Ginther said.

Ginther used his 2025 address to announce a \$500 million housing bond levy but his address this year was light on new announcements. He recapped the housing bonds, which voters approved in November, along with previously announced plans for a nationwide search for a new fire chief and bringing a women's soccer team to Columbus.

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It's northwest vs. north central in plan for U.S. 23/I-71 connector

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Do Ohioans want a connector route between U.S. 23 and Interstate 71 in north central Ohio? Depends on which Ohioan you ask and where they live.

Support for the connector, which ODOT is currently studying at the direction of the Ohio Legislature, is mostly divided along geographic lines. Many northwestern Ohioans want the connector. Many north central Ohioans don't.

Northwestern Ohio officials, like Brian Dicken, Toledo Chamber of Commerce's vice president of advocacy and strategic initiatives, said the route will better connect their region to Columbus and central Ohio and move commercial traffic along smoother.

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Route is dividing Ohioans

ABOVE: Traffic backs up along U.S. 23 near the Orange Township pedestrian bridge on Aug. 11, 2025. A proposed connector route between U.S. 23 and Interstate 71 is dividing Ohioans. Many northwestern Ohioans want one while many north central Ohioans don't. DORAL CHENOWETH/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

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