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G.A.B. Spends Election Day in Racine County

MADISON, WI – Several Government Accountability Board staff members spent Tuesday in Racine County observing polling places during the Partisan Primary.

The five-member group, headed by G.A.B. Director Kevin J. Kennedy, split up and observed polling places in the city of Racine, but also visited polling places in Burlington, Caledonia, Mount Pleasant, Rochester and Sturtevant.

“Our goal was to observe polling places to see whether there are additional things the Board can do in terms of training for local election officials across Wisconsin in preparation for the November General Election,” Kennedy said. “With the exception of Rochester, turnout was light, and the election was generally uneventful.”

Last week, the G.A.B. also sent a team of three staff members to the City of Racine to observe and answer questions at poll worker training sessions. “From our observations Tuesday, the Racine City Clerk took our input into consideration,” Kennedy said. “Our staff will continue to work with Racine in the coming weeks on additional recommendations and preparations for the November election.”

A total of five G.A.B. staff members were in Racine County Tuesday. The visits to Racine County are part of the G.A.B.’s “Back to Basics” initiative for the November General Election, which includes targeted assistance for municipalities that may need or want help from the agency to ensure a problem-free Election Day.

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