

# Government Accountability Board

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## Recall Petition Update 11: G.A.B. Releases Final Signature Counts for Meeting Friday

Madison, WI – The Government Accountability Board staff today released reports on recall petitions signatures for Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Kleefisch, recommending the Board find there are a sufficient number of signatures to order recall elections at its meeting Friday.

The reports are available in the materials for Friday’s meeting, posted on the Board’s website: <http://gab.wi.gov/about/meetings/2012/march-30-special>.

Below is a summary of the staff’s findings. A more detailed breakdown of the numbers is contained in the reports.

Officeholder	Signatures Submitted	Signatures Struck by Staff	Duplicates Struck	Valid Signatures
Gov. Walker	931,053	26,114	4,001	900,938
Lt. Gov. Kleefisch	842,854	29,601	4,263	808,990

The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in Room 412E of the State Capitol. The meeting will be carried live on WisconsinEye.com. If the Board adopts staff recommendations and recall elections are ordered, they would all be held May 8, and if that becomes a primary election, the general election date will be June 5. On March 12, the Board found there were sufficient valid signatures on all four State Senate recall petitions.

Under state law, the incumbent officeholder’s name is automatically on the ballot unless he or she resigns within 10 days of the election being ordered. Under this schedule, candidates in the recall election will have from Friday, March 30, until 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, to circulate and file nomination petitions and declaration of candidacy papers with the G.A.B. State Senate candidates need a minimum of 400 signatures and Governor and Lt. Governor candidates need a minimum of 2,000 signatures. A primary election will be held only for any political party and offices for which more than one candidate qualifies for the ballot.

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