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Recall Petition Update

Madison, WI – Government Accountability Board workers have begun the task of processing more than 309,000 recall petition pages filed with the Board on Tuesday.

“I am confident we will have the right people and equipment in place to get the job done,” said Kevin Kennedy, director and general counsel of the G.A.B.

After they were delivered to the G.A.B. office, the petitions were taken to a secure state facility in Madison early Tuesday evening. Staff worked until 11 p.m. organizing the petition pages and scanning them, which will continue on day and evening shifts for the next several days, Kennedy said.

It is still too soon to say how much time may be required to review the petitions. The G.A.B. will be going to court soon to begin the process of having a judge set timelines for petition reviews and possible challenges.

For security reasons, the location of the processing center is not being released until all the petition pages have been scanned. There will be no general public access to the site, though limited media tours will be available after the location is announced.

A live webcam has been set up at the processing center, and will be streaming video of center activities for the public to watch the process. A link to the webcam is on the homepage of the agency website: <http://gab.wi.gov>. The webcam is being provided to the G.A.B. at no charge by 5Nines.com, a Madison-based technology company.

The G.A.B. has also created a blog on its website to provide updates on the petition review process: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/recall/blog>.

Note to Editors: If you are interested in arranging a tour of the recall petition center, send an email to reid.magney@wi.gov. We will contact you when the center opens for tours.

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