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Louisiana Board of Ethics
Attn: Complaints Department
P. O. Box 4368
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RE: Danny Rigdell, Member
Tangipahoa Parish School Board

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written to request your investigation of the appointment of Danny Rigdell as a member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board during its July 8, 2008 meeting. Our office has been informed that Mr. Rigdell, who had previously been elected to serve on the school board, resigned on June 30, 2008 before the new state ethic laws went into effect.

Since Mr. Rigdell had been serving on the Tangipahoa Parish School Board, according to LSA-R.S. 42:1121(A) (2) et al he could not have been appointed to the board for a period of two years. Thus, the action of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board by appointing Mr. Rigdell following his resignation appears to be a violation of Louisiana law.

Therefore, we are requesting that Mr. Rigdell be removed from this position and the appropriate fines levied against him and the Tangipahoa for violation of the ethics laws.

Your cooperation and assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ernest L. Johnson
State President

Cc: Ms. Patricia Morris, President
The Greater Tangipahoa Parish Branch NAACP