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Louisiana Board of Ethics
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter references a complaint the Greater Tangipahoa Parish Branch NAACP is launching against the Tangipahoa Parish School Board and board member Danny Rigdel. I have personally emailed Attorney Courtney Jackson and cc'd Attorney Kathy Allen a request to open an investigation during the week of July 8, 2008.

Because of new ethics policies regarding financial disclosures, Mr. Rigdel resigned June 30, 2008, one day before this new policy went into effect, as a board member for the Tangipahoa Parish School System, however, on July 8, 2008, Mr. Rigdel decided he wanted to return as a board member, with the Tangipahoa Parish School board members voting to bring Mr. Rigdel back as a board member with full voting authority, serving as a committee chair, and continuing to receive a salary.

According to Louisiana Code of Ethics 42:1121 section 2(A), *"No former member of a board or commission shall, for a period of two years following termination of his public service on such board or commission, contract with, be employed in any capacity by, or be appointed by that board or commission."*

"The Great Challenge is to prepare ourselves to enter these doors of opportunity, because we are not makers of history, we are made by history." MLK, Jr.

We have been advised Mr. Rigdel wanted to recant his resignation sent to the Secretary of State's Office, but was told by this office he could not do so.

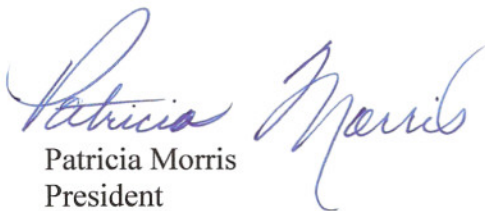
We question why Mr. Rigdel is allowed to remain a member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board continuing to hold his position with voting authority, when it is clear there is a violation of Ethics Code 42:1121 Section A (2).

The Greater Tangipahoa Parish Branch NAACP respectfully request that an investigation be launched into this matter and that Mr. Rigdel is asked to step down from this position and the Tangipahoa Parish School Board be held accountable and sanctioned for violating the aforementioned policy.

Finally, there were four other individuals who applied, and were interested in completing the remainder of Mr. Rigdel's term until an election would be held next year.

Your assistance in conducting this investigation is appreciated, and we would like to know the outcome of this investigation.

Sincerely,



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