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Mr. Steven Wilder Chairman
Kankakee Valley Airport Authority
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Mr. Wilder,

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Airport Authorities Act, IDOT hereby notifies the Board of Commissioners that it appears Rende Langlois may be disqualified from acting as a Kankakee Valley Airport Authority ("KVAA") Commissioner. It appears that Mr. Langlois had a financial interest in the continued existence of the KVAA at the time of his appointment to the Authority. At the time of his 2015 appointment, Langlois Roofing, Inc. (of which he was and remains President) had an ongoing contract for roofing work with the KVAA. The appearance that Mr. Langlois has a financial interest in a separate 2016 contract between KVAA and Langlois Roofing, Inc. – when he was acting as a KVAA Board Commissioner – also gives rise to a possible violation of Section 3 of the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act.

For your reference, Section 5 of the Airport Authorities Act provides as follows:

§ 5. Qualifications of commissioners and removal from office. No person shall be appointed to the Board of Commissioners of any Airport Authority who has any financial interest in the establishment or continued existence thereof or who is a member of the governing body or an officer or employee of a municipality, a county, or any other unit of local government, or an elected official of State or federal government, except when the authority is wholly located within a single county with a population of less than 40,000, an individual employed by a local school district may serve as a commissioner.

Should it appear to the Department of Transportation that any member of the Board of Commissioners of an airport authority may be disqualified, or guilty of misconduct or malfeasance in office or unwilling or unable to act, it shall notify the Board of Commissioners of that fact in writing and it shall then be the duty of the Board of Commissioners to require such board member to show cause why he should not be removed from office. Any such person shall be given a hearing by the Board of Commissioners and, after such hearing, if the Board of Commissioners finds such a charge should be sustained, it shall remove the person so charged from office, and a vacancy shall thereupon exist for the unexpired term of such office. (70 ILCS 5/5)

For your reference, **Section 3(a) of the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act** provides, in part, as follows:

No person holding any office, either by election or appointment under the laws or Constitution of this State, may be in any manner financially interested directly in his own name or indirectly in the name of any other person, association, trust, or corporation, in any contract or the performance of any work in the making or letting of which such officer may be called upon to act or vote. *** Any contract made and procured in violation hereof is void. (50 ILCS 105/3(a)).

Section 3(b) of the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act provides certain exceptions to the mandates recited above which may or may not apply to the situation at hand.

IDOT appreciates your prompt response to this correspondence. Should you have any questions regarding the information which creates the appearance that Mr. Langlois may be disqualified, or guilty of misconduct or malfeasance in office, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven M. Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "Y" at the end.

Steven M. Young
Interim Director