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**FEDERAL UNION DEMANDS RESIGNATION
OF LABOR BOARD BOSS RONALD MEISBURG**
Union Alleges He Is "Not Fit For The Job"

Washington D.C. August 15, 2007. National Labor Relations Board Union members today carried informational picket signs and distributed leaflets demanding the resignation of National Labor Relations Board General Counsel Ronald Meisburg. The Union alleges that Meisburg, a presidential appointee whose term ends in 2010, has engaged in conduct that shows defiance of Federal Law and contempt for the rights of his employees.

The dispute arose in 2005, when the Union filed a petition with the Federal Labor Relations Authority, the public sector analog to the NLRB, to consolidate four previously separate groups of employees into one unit. The Agency opposed consolidation, but after considering all the evidence the FLRA agreed with the Union and ordered the units consolidated. After a vote in which employees voted overwhelmingly in favor of consolidation, the FLRA certified the Union as the lawful bargaining representative in the newly consolidated unit.

In an e-mail to employees following the vote, Meisburg stated that he would not bargain with the Union in the FLRA certified unit and would force the FLRA to take the dispute to a Federal Circuit Court, a process he estimated might delay bargaining until after his term of office expires in 2010.

Union leaders expressed outrage at the decision and demanded that Meisburg resign. "Meisburg is engaging in the same type of conduct that he is supposed to prohibit when it's done by private sector employers," said Eric Brooks, president of the Union. "It's disgraceful that someone in his position would defy Federal Law, especially when the motive is to deny bargaining rights to his own employees. His conduct demonstrates that he can no longer be trusted to enforce employee rights in either the public or private sectors."

Another picketer, who asked not to be identified by name, was blunter. "Every day, I go to work and attempt to enforce Federal Labor law," he said. "Now my own boss is saying that he's going to violate the law. I no longer have any respect for him as the head of the Agency. He should go."

Union sources said this would not be the last demonstration demanding Meisburg's resignation. They indicated that the Union has plans to picket at other public events Meisburg attends and will continue until he either resigns or agrees to obey the law.

The National Labor Relations Board Union represents approximately 1000 employees of the National Labor Relations Board in cities across the United States.