

**AUTOMOTIVE GLASS WORK AND FLAT GLASS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD**

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OCTOBER 28, 2011

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on July 22, 2011 commencing at 9:32 AM in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members present: Brian Blank (*Public Member*)
Edward J. Fusco (*Unlimited Journey person-
Flat Glass Work*)
Jennifer Russell-Vanasse (*Unlimited
Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)
David A. Wills (*Public Member*)
Frank Pitrone (*Unlimited Contractor-
Automotive Glass Work*)

Board Members not present: Carl Von Dassel (*Unlimited Contractor- Flat Glass
Work*)
John A. Wisniewski (*General Contractor-
Auto Glass Work*)

Board Vacancies: One. (*Public Member*)

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, *Department of Consumer
Protection*
Richard M. Hurlburt, *Department of Consumer
Protection*

Others Present: David Rosenberg
Jesse Sheldon; FG-2 license examination
applicant.
Elio M. Pereira; FG-2 license examination
applicant.

Larry Fuller; R & R Windows
Jeremy P. Foster; FG-2 license examination
applicant.
William A. Fuller; FG-2 license examination
applicant.

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions, and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, at (860) 713-6135 or Fax (860)-706-1255.

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1. 9:30 A.M. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN.

The Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chairman Edward J. Fusco.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: JULY 22, 2011

After a thorough review of the minutes of the July 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Wills/Russell-Vanasse)*

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

No one is before the Board today.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Department Update regarding proposed changes to the Regulation for Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work; Mr. Kuzmich had no news to present to the Board at this time.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Updated PSI Examination Services Connecticut Occupational Trades Examination Results; for the Board's information as requested. The Board reviewed these statistics in detail.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Jeremy P. Foster for a Flat Glass Journey person's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Foster is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Ms. Vanasse questioned whether the company that this applicant and all the other applicants work for has an FG-1 licensee on staff. It was determined that Roger Fuller and George F. Hinton hold active FG-1 licenses.

Mr. Hurlburt explained that the Board must now make a determination of the applicant's equivalent experience and training. Mr. Fusco questioned Mr. Foster's related classroom instruction. Mr. Hurlburt stressed the importance of making this determination otherwise it might be perceived by out-of state applicants that related classroom instruction can be avoided by working out of State. Mr. Foster holds a current OSHA 10 Card. Mr. Fusco noted that Connecticut glazier candidates take 144 of related classroom instruction for three years. The Board advised this applicant's company representative all the courses and seminars that his employees participate in should be documented

It was also determined that the applicant's home State of Massachusetts does not have an apprenticeship program. As such, Mr. Hurlburt advised the Board that their employers can provide the training and find school related instruction at local facilities in their State. He also speculated the Connecticut Department of Labor would probably advise these candidates to establish an apprenticeship program in Massachusetts at which point they would then give each of the applicants here today a reciprocal Connecticut apprenticeship card. Mr. Hurlburt also noted that Massachusetts would most likely establish an apprenticeship program but it may not be mandatory because licensure is not required in their State.

After extensive discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Foster's application o sit for the Fg-2 Examination. (Pitrone/Wills)

B. Application of Mr. William A. Fuller for a Flat Glass Journey person's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Fuller is scheduled to appear before the Board today. The Board determined that this applicant has four and

one half years work experience and that the Owner of the company is the applicant's Uncle.

After, more discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Fuller to take the FG-2 Examination. (Pitrone/Wills)

Mr. Fusco noted that he knows for a fact that all the applicants here today are carpenters and that he wants Glaziers doing the trade. He advised that all the candidates study the test preparation books hard so that they can become glaziers. He advised all that the licensed trade is the glazing trade and not the carpenter's trade.

C. Application of Mr. Elio M. Pereira for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Pereira is scheduled to appear before the Board today. It was noted that Mr. Pereira has been in the trade since 2002 and has the most experience of all applicants so far. *After, an extensive review of the applicant's qualifications, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Pereira to take the FG-2 Examination. (Wills/Blank)*

D. Application of Mr. Jesse L. Sheldon for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Sheldon is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco discussed Mr. Sheldon's work experience and noted that he started the trade in 2005. *After, more discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Sheldon to take the FG-2 Examination. (Pitrone/Wills)*

E. Application of Mr. Wells R. Swanda for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Swanda is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco noted that the applicant has been in the trade since 2007 giving him approximately 4 ½ years experience and that his prior experience was as a union laborer. *After an extensive discussion, the Board approved Mr. Swanda to sit for the FG-2 Examination. (Pitrone/Wills)*

In general Mr. Fusco commended the applicant's before the Board today for doing the right thing and getting their license. Mr. Hurlburt suggested that the company set up an in-house school related instruction program that this Board can determine as equivalent education. He also noted that the applicants interviewed today were fortunate that the Board approved them to sit for the examination based upon what they presented as experience in their applications.

Ms. Russell-Vanasse suggested that the education can also be run through the Connecticut Glass Dealers Association in conjunction with the National Glass Association. This program consists of online training that can all be done right

from the computer. The company representative here today will take this advice under advisement.

F. Discussion concerning licensing in the State of Florida; at the request of Ms. Russell-Vanasse. Ms. Russell-Vanasse had recently enacted licensing for glaziers and she suggested that this Board look into reciprocity with Florida on behalf of the Connecticut Glaziers and also in their best interest. She noted that prior to this law, licensing was strictly voluntary. Mr. Hurlburt asked Ms. Russell-Vanasse to forward the name of the State Agency enacting this legislation so that he can pursue this matter. In general terms, the licensing requirements for glaziers are very thorough and detailed.

G. Diversity Training presentation by Ms. Peggy Zabawar. Ms. Peggy Zabawar from the Department of Administrative Services made a presentation to the Architectural Licensing Board on Sexual Harassment Prevention and Diversity. She noted that the State is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation. Ms. Zabawar explained that Boards and Commissions are held to the same standards as employees of the State in relating to one another and the public, and as such, Board or Commission Member behavior opens the State to the same liability.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Rosenberg noted that there is legislation being proposed which would prohibit licensed auto-glass installers in Connecticut from crossing into Massachusetts with a vehicle with a Connecticut plate without a Massachusetts tag on it. Mr. Fusco will follow the progress on this proposed law.

B. The Board discussed the new application review process effective as of October 26, 2011 which is a part of the Department of Consumer Protection in jobs bill. The bill requires that for any application or renewal for a license to perform work of this Board, in addition to others, the Department of Consumer Protection shall hold a hearing or take other action no later than thirty days after the submission date of the application or completed renewal application. This bill additionally specifies that 40 % of an examination board constitutes a quorum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE;

JANUARY 27, 2012

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**

TIME: 9:30 AM ROOM NO.: 117

Respectfully Submitted,

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