

MINUTES
CONNECTICUT AUTOMOTIVE GLASS WORK AND
FLAT GLASS WORK BOARD
165 CAPITOL AVENUE
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106

JANUARY 22, 2010

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on January 22, 2010 commencing at 9:32 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members present: Brian Blank (*Public Member*)
 Edward J. Fusco (*Unlimited Journeyperson-Flat Glass Work*)
 David Olender (*Public Member*)
 Jennifer Russell-Vanasse (*Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)
 Carl Von Dassel (*Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)
 John A. Wisniewski (*General Contractor-Auto Glass Work*)

Board Members not present: Frank Pitrone (*Unlimited Contractor-Automotive Glass Work*)
 David A. Wills (*Public Member*)

Board Vacancies: *Unlimited Journeyperson-Auto Glass Work*

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Nelson Leon, *Department of Consumer Protection*
 Linda Roberts, *Department of Consumer Protection*

Others Present: Edwin Van Dam, FG-1 License Applicant
 Kevin M. Slason, FG-2 License Applicant
 Carlos Rodriguez, FG-2 License Applicant
 Salomon Rodriguez, FG-2 License Applicant

Valerie Stolfi Collins, Connecticut Glass Dealers
Association

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board Meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM by Chairman Edward J. Fusco.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

After a thorough review of the minutes of the October 23, 2009 Regular Board Meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Russell-Vanasse/Olender)*

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Continuation of discussion concerning definitions for Pre-Glazed and Manufactured Windows.

B. Application of Mr. David A. Goulet for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Goulet is scheduled to appear before the Board today.

C. Continuation of discussion concerning Drafts of the Standards of Practice for Automotive GlassWork and Flat Glass Work. The Board voted, unanimously, to table this item until their next regular meeting. Discussion then will include how the Board makes amendments to the regulations and how the same will be implemented.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Press Release from the Connecticut Attorney General's Office dated November 17, 2009 concerning \$15 Million Class Action Verdict That The Hartford Influenced Appraisers; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information.

B. Article dated November 17, 2009 concerning Auto-body shops and The Hartford Financial Services Group; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Carlos Rodriguez for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Rodriguez is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco noted that he presently works for the *Anderson Glass Company* in West Haven, Connecticut for the past nine years. The company does both residential and commercial glass work. Mr. Rodriguez explained his work experience in detail to the Board. Ms. Vanasse noted her concern that *Anderson Glass* should have been registering their employees in the State's Apprenticeship program. She would like the Department to follow-up with this company to ensure that they are in compliance with the law and for the company to acknowledge, in writing, the actions they are taking to comply with the law. The Board made Mr. Rodriguez aware of the ramifications his employer could face should they not comply with law regarding their participation in an apprenticeship program.

After a thorough review of his application by all Board Members, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Rodriguez to sit for the FG-2 Examination. (Von Dassel/Russell-Vanasse)

B. Application of Mr. Salomon Rodriguez for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Rodriguez is scheduled to appear before the Board today. It was noted that Mr. Rodriguez has been employed at his current business for the past ten years. His prior experience work was in asbestos removal. Mr. Fusco recommended to Mr. Rodriguez that he purchase the appropriate study materials and postpone taking the examination for several months in order to give himself adequate time to study. Mr. Fusco noted that the examination is not an easy one but it is fair.

After a thorough review of his application by all Board Members, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Rodriguez to sit for the FG-2 Examination. (Olender/Wisniewski)

C Application of Mr. Kevin M. Slason for a Flat Glass Journey person's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Slason is scheduled to appear before the Board today. The Board noted his previous employers and that the applicant has relocated back to his home State of Connecticut from Colorado. His is presently not employed. Mr. Slason has brought with him additional documentation of relevant work experience that precedes the experience noted on his application. He has approximately 13 years in commercial glazing work and briefly elaborated on the types of work he has done.

After a thorough review of his application by all Board Members, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Slason to sit for the FG-2 Examination. (Olender/Von Dassel)

D. Application of Mr. Edwin Van Dam for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Van Dam is scheduled to appear before the Board today. It was noted that his company is from Pennsylvania and is bidding on a job for a garden center in Greenwich to renovate their botanical center. The work consists of re-glazing existing greenhouses with approximately 24 X26 and 16 X20 pieces of glass. Ms. Vanasse wasn't sure if this company needs a license to do this work. However, to be sure, the Board will check with the Department on this matter. It was noted by Mr. Wisniewski and Ms. Vanasse that based upon previous discussions of this Board, green house work may be exempt from licensing due to the fact that these types of structures are pre-engineered. The Board inquired who in the Town of Greenwich told the project manager that Mr. Van Dam's company needs a license to do this work so they can, in turn, explain to him that greenhouse work is exempt from licensing

In conclusion, the Board asked the Department to confirm that greenhouse work is exempt from licensing. The applicant was asked to contact Mr. Robert Kuzmich, Board Administrator to this Board, to explain exactly who is requiring the license and the exact scope of his work. Mr. Kuzmich can inform the Building Official in the Town of Greenwich, if in fact, the work is exempt from licensing.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Fusco noted to Ms. Roberts that at the Board's last meeting in October 2009, the Board had an issue with *Plymouth Glass & Mirror* in Thomaston, Connecticut. Mr. Fusco reviewed the Board's issues with this company to Ms. Roberts. He

noted that the company's licensed employee's all left. Daryl Maslak, owner of the company was permitted to sit for the examination by this Board. He never, in fact, sat for this test and, instead, sent his employee Mr. David Goulet to this Board for acceptance to sit for same examination. Mr. Goulet has an AG-1 license and first appeared before the Board to ask questions about the potential for him to sit for the FG-1 Examination. The Board allowed him to sit for the FG-1 test which he subsequently passed. Mr. Fusco asked the Department asked the Department to investigate who is working there and if they do have any licensees.

Ms. Vanasse further reviewed the Board's history with *Plymouth Glass* for Ms. Roberts benefit. Ms. Roberts responded to the Board's request by explaining the Department's efforts to better communicate with their Board's and Commission's regarding complaint status and information. Unfortunately, she had nothing new to report on Plymouth Glass. She attempted to use the Department's licensing system to determine licensee and apprenticeship status of the company's employees but was unsuccessful.

It was noted that the Owner has provided the Board with a list of employees but without any indication of what, if any, license types they held. Ms. Roberts will coordinate with Mr. Kuzmich and e-mail the Board members a list of Plymouth Glass's employees and their license types they hold.

2. Mr. Wisniewski asked Ms. Roberts if the Board can expect an answer regarding whether this Board can require proof of a bond and/or insurance and sign-off of certificate of occupancy for FG and AG 1 Contractors when they initially apply for their licenses and at renewal times. This was proposed by the Board several years ago and they were never given an answer by the Department. The Board voted in favor of requiring this of their contractors and it went to the Department for a determination of whether this can be done.

Ms. Roberts questioned whether this agency has the authority to implement these requirements. Mr. Wisniewski and other Board members explained, in detail, the Boards rationale in arriving at this these requirements. Ms. Roberts believes that the zoning aspects of the Board's request are more a local municipal issue to enforce. This Board can only enforce the licensing requirement should a complaint come before them.

3. Concerning the PSI Licensing Examination review session, Ms. Vanasse noted that she sent in all proposed questions to PSI several months ago and that PSI Examination Services is awaiting a response for Mr. Hurlburt regarding the coordination of a webinar with the Board. The process must be State sanctioned and done in a single location. The Board asked that the Department follow-up with Mr. Hurlburt.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM. (Von Dassel/Olender)

NEXT MEETING DATE; APRIL 23, 2010

**STATE OFFICE BUILDING
165 CAPITOL AVENUE, RM. 117
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TIME: 9:30 AM; ROOM 126**

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
License and Applications Specialist