

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

APRIL 23, 2010

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on April 23, 2010 commencing at 9:28 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 Journeyperson-Flat Glass Work*)
 David Olender (*Public Member*)
 Frank Pitrone (*Unlimited Contractor-Automotive Glass Work*)
 Jennifer Russell-Vanasse (*Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)
 Carl Von Dassel (*Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)
 David A. Wills (*Public Member*)
 John A. Wisniewski (*General Contractor-Auto Glass Work*)

Board Members not present: None.

Board Vacancies: *Unlimited Journeyperson-Auto Glass Work*

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

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

Others Present: Ryan C. Griffeth, Local 1274
 Lea A. Manness FG-1 License Applicant
 David Rosenberg, Safelite Auto Glass

Valerie Stolfi Collins, *Connecticut Glass Dealers Association*

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. CALL TO ORDER:

The Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board Meeting was called to order at 9:28 AM by Chairman Edward J. Fusco.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

After a thorough review of the minutes of the January 22, 2010 Regular Board Meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Wills/Olender)*

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Continuation of discussion concerning Plymouth Glass & Mirror in Thomaston, Connecticut. Ms. Roberts stated that the David Goulet from this company obtained the required licenses. She gave the Board a list of all their employees which shows those individuals who are currently licensed and their respective license types as well as those individuals who were formerly licensed. The Board noted that this business has been in operation in this State for many years.

The Board was advised by Mr. Hurlburt that they should cease discussion of this company in case they have to participate in any future hearings.

B. Continuation of discussion concerning Drafts of the Standards of Practice for Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work. Mr. Kuzmich noted that the Board has started drafts of both regulations for automotive and flat glass work seven years ago. These drafts were given to the Board today for their use and continued development. Ms. Vanasse noted that the discussion on these regulations surfaced due to the lack of definitions for glazed and pre-glazed. This issue has become a problem in the past for Department field inspectors who have come across situations where they needed a definition for these terms.

Ms. Vanasse noted other examples of terms and building types that also need to be defined. Mr. Kuzmich asked if there are National Associations whose regulations can be used as a prototype to develop the Regulations for this Board. Mr. Wisniewski elaborated on the automotive glass regulation draft noting some areas that are out-of-date and other areas that need more definition.

Mr. Fusco stated that a subcommittee needs to be formed to develop a draft for flat glass work. The protocol for how this committee meets was discussed in detail and as such, it was decided that Board Members could develop drafts on their own and have these drafts distributed to all other members of the Board through their administrator and subsequently discussed at the regular Board Meetings.

In response from a question from Ms. Vannasse, Mr. Hurlburt stated that the Board needs to contact Mr. Gary Burner, the Department's Legislative Liaison, to have an attorney assigned to them to review the draft of the regulation that the Board develops and ensure that all their material is supported by statute. Otherwise, the Board may need to lobby to have their statutes changed accordingly.

In response to a question from Ms. Stolfi Collins, Mr. Hurlburt explained that even if the proposed regulation changes are supported by statute, they still have to go through the entire regulation review process.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Ethics News from the Department of Consumer Protection; for the Board's information. The Board noted that this information was inadvertently not included in the Board's agenda package. This correspondence will be distributed to the Board subsequent to today's meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Les A. Manness for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Manness is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco introduced himself and the Board to the candidate. The Board members reviewed Mr. Manness's application. It was noted that he currently project manages and consults with other glass companies but does not engage in glazing. Mr. Manness also gave the Board copies of his resume which shows extensive experience in glazing, some of which was in Canada where he is originally from. Mr. Manness plans on opening a business in Connecticut using glaziers in addition to his consulting work.

Mr. Fusco commended Mr. Manness for his approach with the Board and his desire to do things the right way. Mr. Manness completed a four year apprenticeship program in Canada which is run very strictly with attention to every detail. Mr. Manness explained in more depth his previous employment history in Massachusetts where he was a part owner of a glass company. *After a thorough review of his application by all Board Members, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Manness to sit for the FG-1 Examination. (Von Dassel/Olender)*

B Application of Mr. Ryan C. Griffeth for a Flat Glass Journeyperson's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Griffeth is not on the Board's agenda but is present at the meeting today. He contacted Mr. Kuzmich during this past week to ask to come before the Board. Mr. Fusco introduced himself and the Board to Mr. Griffeth. Mr. Griffeth stated that has been in the glazing trade for thirteen years. He originally applied for his license under the exemption (grandfather) provision but the applications he filed in the past were never completed and have expired. Mr. Kuzmich explained that one of his previous applications was returned to him for lack of statements from his employers as to dates and duties of employment. Mr. Griffeth stated that he did respond with employers statements although none were found by the Department.

Mr. Fusco explained that he will abstain from the vote and noted that Mr. Griffeth is a member of his union and just completed a forty hour refresher course that his union ran for their fourth year apprentices and journeymen who have not yet obtained a license. Mr. Fusco attested to his Mr. Griffeth's continuous employment and desire to get his license and recommends to the Board that they consider letting him sit for the FG-2 Examination. Mr. Griffeth explained that he worked for his father in past but no longer does due personal reasons.

After a thorough review of his application by all Board Members, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Griffeth to sit for the FG-2 Examination. (Olender/Wisniewski) It is noted that Mr. Fusco abstained from the vote.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

No items were discussed.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.
(Fusco/Olender)*

NEXT MEETING DATE; JULY 23, 2010

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TIME: 9:30 AM; ROOM 126**

Respectfully Submitted,

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