

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

JULY 22, 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 Journeyperson-Flat Glass Work*)
 Jennifer Russell-Vanasse (*Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)
 Carl Von Dassel (*Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)
 David A. Wills (*Public Member*)
- Board Members not present: Frank Pitrone (*Unlimited Contractor-Automotive 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*
- Others Present: Johnny L. Campbell; FG-2 license examination applicant.
 Jason C. Connelly; FG-2 license examination applicant.
 Todd G. Gerstner; FG-2 license examination applicant.

James R. Mammone; FG-2 license examination applicant.

Daniel M. Messina; FG-2 license examination applicant.

Michael D. Messina; FG-1 license examination applicant.

Kevin W. O'Hare; FG-2 license examination applicant.

Jose Raudel Pineda Ugalde; FG-2 license examination applicant.

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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 9:32 AM by Chairman Edward J. Fusco.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: APRIL 29, 2011

After a thorough review of the minutes of the April 29, 2011 Regular Board Meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Von Dassel/Wills)*

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 has no news to report to the Board and is awaiting an update from the Department.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Updated PSI Examination Services Connecticut Occupational Trades Examination Results; for the Board's information as requested. Mr. Kuzmich gave the Board one copy of this data for their review at today's meeting. Mr. Fusco noted one candidate the Board did not recognize. It was noted that this candidate could have been automatically approved by the testing company if he met the criteria applicable to his situation.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Johnny L. Campbell for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Campbell is scheduled to appear before the Board today. The circumstances surrounding the lapse of Mr. Campbell's license parallel that of Mr. Gerstner's reinstatement application also before the Board today. Therefore, reference is made to Agenda Item 6C. for further details on the Board's discussion and action for this application.

It was determined that the candidate has been employed full time since the date his license lapsed. *After extensive discussion, the Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Campbell's license with the requirement that he pay all back fees including late charges. They believe it is only fair to charge these fees in recognition of all those licenses that have paid their fees during this time. (Russell-Vanasse/Wills)*

B. Application of Mr. Jason C. Connelly for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Connelly is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Connelly stated his work history for the Board noted that he is currently working for Suntech doing curtain-wall and storefront work. His application states that he is a carpenter. Mr. Connelly said that when he switched unions, his employer at that time brought him on as a carpenter and that he was unaware of the licensing requirement until recently. It was determined that the applicant's formal training is as a carpenter and his on-the-job training is in glazier work.

Mr. Fusco made the applicant aware of the nature of the test in that it is all glazing questions in nature. *After, more discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Connelly to take the FG-2 Examination. (Von Dassel/Wills)*

After the vote, Ms. Russell-Vanasse noted that there is a problem in that there is an apparent trend she is seeing with applicants coming before the Board that have been working many years in the trade without having been registered in an apprenticeship program ignoring the rules that everyone else follows. It was suggested that she write a letter to the Director of Trade Practices Division expressing her concerns. Mr. Fusco wanted the record to state that this Board reluctantly approved this applicant and that the Board sees people coming before them from related trades and professions who have been working in the same for some time who are given the opportunity by this them to get a license. Mr. Fusco wants the record to reflect that his Board represents the Glazing Trade with a structured apprenticeship program.

C. Application of Mr. Todd G. Gerstner for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Gerstner is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Gerstner explained that he first obtained his license when he worked for the Franklin Glass Company and still works for the same employer. When he first applied for the license, he was under the impression that it was not mandatory and since that time, he let his license expired in 2003. Mr. Kuzmich explained that the reinstatement process basically involves the payment of all back fees including late charges. In addition, the Board reserves the right to interview the candidate and if necessary, have the candidate retest.

It was determined that the candidate has been employed full time since the date his license lapsed. *After extensive discussion, the Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. Gerstner's license with the requirement that he pay all back fees including late charges. They believe it is only fair to charge these fees in recognition of all those licenses that have paid their fees during this time. (Russell-Vanasse/Wills)*

D. Application of Mr. James R. Mammone for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Mammone is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco introduced himself and other members of the Board to Mr. Mammone. The Board discussed Mr. Mammone's work history both past and present. He is currently working as a carpenter doing residential work and is looking to be hired by a glass shop. It was noted that his glazier apprenticeship was done through an in-house program by his employer and probably not recognized by the State of Connecticut.

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

E. Application of Mr. Daniel M. Messina for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Messina is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco noted the applicants' extensive employment in the business for close to fifty years in New York City and did union work and work for the Board of Education. After he retired, he went to work for his son in his business. Mr. Fusco wished the Board had the opportunity to grandfather Mr. Messina for a license because of his extensive experience. *After an extensive discussion, the Board approved Mr. Messina's application to sit for the FG-2 Examination. (Wills/Russell-Vanasse)*

F. Application of Mr. Michael D. Messina for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Messina is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco discussed Mr. Messina's employment background and work history with the applicant. He explained that the protocol is usually passing the FG-2 Examination prior to taking the FG-1 Examination although the Board has the authority to change this procedure. *After an extensive discussion, the Board approved Mr. Messina's application to sit for the FG-1 Examination. (Wills/Von Dassel)*

G. Application of Mr. Kevin W. O'Hare for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. O'Hare is scheduled to appear before the Board today. The circumstances surrounding the lapse of Mr. O'Hare's license parallel that of Mr. Gerstner's reinstatement application also before the Board today. Therefore, reference is made to Agenda Item 6C. for further details on the Board's discussion and action for this application.

It was determined that the candidate has been employed full time since the date his license lapsed. *After extensive discussion, the Board voted unanimously to reinstate Mr. O'Hare's license with the requirement that he pay all back fees including late charges. They believe it is only fair to charge these fees in recognition of all those licenses that have paid their fees during this time. (Russell-Vanasse/Wills)*

H. Application of Mr. Jose Raudel Pineda Ugalde for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Ugalde is scheduled to appear before the Board today. The Board reviewed the applicant's employment history with the applicant and his employer, Mr. Mike Messina who also came before the Board at this meeting. Mr. Ugalde's entire training came from his current employer. *After an extensive discussion, the Board approved Mr. Ugalde's application to sit for the FG-2 Examination. (Russell-Vanasse/Blank)*

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Mr. Kuzmich noted that Mr. Olender called him yesterday to notify him and the Department that he is resigning from the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE;

OCTOBER 28, 2011

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TIME: 9:30 AM ROOM NO.: 117

Respectfully Submitted,

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