

**AUTOMOTIVE GLASS WORK AND FLAT GLASS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
TEL. NO. (860) 713-6135**

-MINUTES-

OCTOBER 28, 2016

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on October 28, 2016 in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members present: Edward J. Fusco (*Unlimited Journeyperson- Flat Glass Work*)
Daniel Kulas (*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: Brian Blank (*Public Member*)
Frank Pitrone (*Unlimited Contractor-Automotive Glass Work*)
David A. Wills (*Public Member*)

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

Board Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, *Department of Consumer Protection*

Others Present: Jonathan A. Harris, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection
Alan Mankowski, Plymouth Glass
Larry Satchell, Connecticut Department of Labor/ Apprenticeship
Joseph Fazzino, IUPATC
Michael Matthews, Binswanger Glass
Chelcey Parris, Binswanger Glass

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) 706-1202.

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

Board Chairman Edward Fusco called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: AUGUST 26, 2016.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes as submitted. (Russell-Vanasse/Wisniewski)

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

There were no requests to speak from anyone present at today's meeting.

4. DCP Occupational Enforcement Unit Complaint Status Report; review of complaint report submitted by the **DCP Occupational Enforcement Unit** including open, closed, and dismissed cases for review by the Board.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the report given to them at today's meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

No items were discussed.

6. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. The Department's 2017 Schedule for Board, Commissions, and Council Meetings was distributed to the Board. More information regarding the new location for the Board's future meetings at 450 Columbus Boulevard will be forthcoming.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. First review of Applications received by the Department:

None before the Board today.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Reconsideration of Application of Mr. Alan Mankoski for a Flat Glass Unlimited Journeyperson's license (FG-2); the Board voted unanimously to deny this application at their meeting held April 22, 2016 based upon a lack of the required on-the-job training hours and related classroom instruction hours. (Pitrone/Von Dassel) Application returned by mail to applicant on April 25, 2016.

The Board voted unanimously to approve this application. (Wisniewski/Von Dassel)

B. Mr. Michael Matthews with Binswanger Glass addressed the Board with questions concerning flat glass licensing. He has previously spoken with Ms. Vanasse from this Board. He is registered as a home improvement contractor and licensed as both a flat glass and auto glass contractor.

Mr. Matthews's questions concerned commercial glazing including pre-glazed manufactured units and whether a license is needed to install the same. Mr. Matthews also discussed with the Board work on glass railing assemblies and the need for licensing to work on the same and the supervision ratios regarding contractors, journeymen, and apprentices working on job sites. Mr. Larry Satchell addressed Mr. Matthews's questions concerning the job site ratios.

The Board also answered questions regarding enrollment of his employees in the state apprenticeship program for glaziers. In addition, he had questions concerning his new employee with past unregistered experience and whether this experience will count towards the requirements to sit for the flat glass licensing examination.

Mr. Matthews thanked the Board for their time and the information they provided him today.

C. Commissioner Harris addressed the Board and updated them on the upcoming meeting on November 16, 2016 concerning the Department's Memorandum of Understanding. The Board expressed their thanks for the Commissioner's efforts in reaching out, communicating, and working with all the Boards. Commissioner Harris discussed, among other things, the Department's determination in increasing their enforcement efforts, especially on job sites.

Mr. Wisniewski discussed with the Commissioner the transient nature of the contractors in the automotive glass business and the problems associated with the same that hears from angry consumers that call his office.

Mr. Fazzino expressed his concerns to the Commissioner regarding general contractors bidding on jobs in Connecticut who hire unlicensed subcontractors to do their glazing work knowing that licensing is required.

The Board thanked the Commissioner for his time with the Board today.

9. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

A. Mr. Satchell noted to the Board that he recently spoke with Jessica Olander from the Connecticut Glass Dealers Association. She stated that they are currently not offering training at this point in time. Mr. Von Dassel clarified that he recently returned from a meeting in Nevada with National Glass Association. They are updating all the training. However, certain courses within the curriculum have been rearranged so that they can continue to offer the education without interruption.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.
(Wisniewski/Kulas)

NEXT MEETING DATE; MARCH 24, 2017

**450 COLUMBUS BOULEVARD, NORTH BUILDING,
HEARING ROOM J
HARTFORD, CT 06103.**

TIME: 9:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Upcoming Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board Meeting Dates:

1. March 24, 2017
2. June 23, 2017
3. September 22, 2017
4. November 17, 2017