

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

**APRIL 25, 2008**

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on April 25, 2008 commencing at 9:32 AM in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members present:	Edward J. Fusco ( <i>Unlimited Journeyperson-Flat Glass Work</i> ) Jennifer Russell-Vanasse ( <i>Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work</i> ) John A. Wisniewski ( <i>General Contractor-Auto Glass Work</i> ) Carl Von Dassel ( <i>Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work</i> ) David A. Wills ( <i>Public Member</i> ) Brian Blank ( <i>Public Member</i> ) David Olender ( <i>Public Member</i> )
Board members not present:	None.
Board Vacancies:	<i>Unlimited Journeyperson-Auto Glass Work</i> <i>Unlimited Contractor-Auto Glass Work</i>
Board Counsel:	Not present as requested.
DCP Staff Present:	Richard Hurlburt, Director; Department of Consumer Protection; Occupational & Professional Licensing Division Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A., License and Applications Specialist James McCann, Administrative Hearings Attorney

Others Present:

David Rosenberg, *Safelite Auto Glass*  
Eric A. Bennett, *FG-2 Journeyperson Examination Applicant*  
Roger L. Brunelle, *FG-1 Contractor Examination Candidate*  
Ramon Vargas, *FG-2 Journeyperson Examination Candidate*  
Richard McCormack  
Charles Turiello, *Diamond Glass Company*  
Valerie Stolfi, *Connecticut Glass Dealers Association*

**Note: The administrative functions of this Board are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information, call Director Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135.**

**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:**

It was noted by Mr. Fusco and Ms. Vanasse, on page three, paragraph five, line 4, "*National Glass Association*" shall be changed to "*CGDA*". After a thorough review of the minutes of the January 25, 2008 Regular Board meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as amended herein. (Russell-Vanasse/Wills)*

**3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

No items were addressed in this Section.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Continuation of discussion concerning Draft of potential amendments to the Regulations concerning Automotive Glass Work to incorporate State of Rhode Island standards submitted by Board Member Mr. John A. Wisniewski.

Ms. Russell-Vanasse reminded the Board that Mr. Hurlburt was to have checked on several issues regarding whether or not the Department has the legal right to impose some of the sanctions originally in the State of Rhode Island's Draft. In response, Mr. Wisniewski stated to the Board that they eliminated many of the controversial items and have narrowed the changes down to two items.

Mr. Kuzmich suggested that in Mr. Hurlburt's absence, the Board should act on these proposed changes as they wish due to the fact that the approval process is long and arduous. Ms. Russell-Vanasse was concerned that the Board may be creating problems for existing businesses by requiring them to provide the legal documentation showing compliance of their physical facility with the local requirements for the same. Mr. Kuzmich noted that this documentation must be in place prior or, in theory, the shop should not be operating, so therefore, proof of this documentation should not be creating a burden.

After more discussion, the *Board voted, unanimously, to incorporate the following changes into their regulation for Replacement/Repair Contractors (Wills/Olender):*

- 1.) *Must provide the Board with any local approvals required to occupy the building as an Auto Glass and/or Flat Glass replacement facility.*
- 2.) *Contractor must provide the Board with a liability policy or bonding of no less than five hundred thousand dollars.*

#### 5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Complying with the requirements to register auto glass apprentices in Connecticut as of 04-30-07; this information was acknowledged by the Board.

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Swearing-In of new Board Member Mr. Brian Blank as a Public Member. Department Attorney James McCann swore-in Mr. Blank. The Board welcomed their new member and look forward to working with him in the future.

B. Swearing-In of new Board Member Mr. David Olender as a Public Member. Department Attorney James McCann swore-in Mr. Olender. The Board welcomed their new member and look forward to working with him in the future.

C. Application of Mr. Eric A. Bennett for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); Mr. Fusco asked for further questions from the Board on this application noting that the applicant is present with his employer and has approximately seventeen years of experience. Hearing no further questions, Mr. Fusco stated that he has no reservations about admitting this candidate to the examination. *As such, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Bennett's application for the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination. (Russell-Vanasse/Von Dassel)*

D. Application of Mr. Roger L. Brunelle for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); In response to a question from Ms. Vanasse, Mr. Brunelle noted that he presently works for a roofing contractor who wants to start a glazing division. He noted his work experience and his temporary absence from the glass business due to a medical disability. His former glass company will not be reinstated as he will now be working for his brother's company. Hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Bennett's application for the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination. (Von Dassel/Wills)*

E. Application of Mr. Douglas J. Dipisa for a Automotive Glass Contractor's license (AG-1); It was noted by Mr. Fusco that Mr. Dipisa is not present at today's meeting. *Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.*

F. Application of Mr. Brian K. Laws for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. It was noted by Mr. Fusco that Mr. Laws is not present at today's meeting. *Therefore, the Board took no action on this application.*

G. Application of Mr. Ramon Vargas for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); Mr. Vargas spoke to the Board with the assistance of his niece due to language difficulties. The Board questioned him regarding his past employment history. Mr. Vargas noted that he is currently not employed and needs this license to seek employment. The Department will arrange for special testing accommodations due to Mr. Vargas's difficulty with the English language. Hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Vargas's application for the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination. (Von Dassel/Wills)*

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. PSI Examination Services - Connecticut Occupational Trades Examination Results for the testing period January 1, 2008 through January 31, 2008; Board Members reviewed this information

Mr. Fusco explained the review process the Board has gone through in the past relative to examination review workshops hosted by the Department and their Test Vendor PSI Examination Services. Mr. Fusco and Ms. Russell-Vanasse feel the need for the Department to schedule another review session due to complaints he has received regarding questions on the current test pertaining to parts of the profession that not every shop engages in such as curtain wall construction. In addition, code questions have been asked that are not the responsibility of the glass installer to know. In many cases, these failed questions may have made the difference between a passing and failing score.

Mr. Kuzmich will convey this information to Mr. Hurlburt.

B. Ms. Vanasse made reference to Agenda Item 5A and specifically to the reference made to the *Connecticut Automotive Glass Standards of Practice* section titled "Windshield Repair". She asked where exactly this regulation appears. In response, Mr. Kuzmich stated that this Board's regulation, in general, is still in a Draft Format and needs to be incorporated into the existing Regulation for Occupational Trades. The Repair Standards exist in their final form as the Board approved them in the Board meetings minutes and are enforceable by this Board even in this format.

C. Mr. Turiello discussed the *ANSI ROLAGS (Repair Standard for Laminated Automotive Safety Glass)* which was introduced within the last six months. It has been on the internet for industry review and comment. He offered to get the Board a copy of this documentation. Mr. Wisniewski has reviewed and commented on this Standard and in his opinion, the Standard is very "loose".

D. Ms. Stolfi asked the Department for statistical information concerning the pass/fail rate of candidates who have taken the various glazier examinations given by the Department for the last year. Mr. Kuzmich believes that this information is available and will ask Mr. Hurlburt on behalf of the Board.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:58AM. (Von Dassel/Wills)*

**NEXT MEETING DATE;**

**JULY 25, 2008**

**STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
165 CAPITOL AVENUE, RM. 117  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**

**TIME: 9:30 AM; ROOM 117**

Respectfully Submitted,

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License and Applications Specialist