

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

JANUARY 23, 2009

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on January 23, 2009 commencing at 9:30 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members present:	Brian Blank (<i>Public Member</i>) Edward J. Fusco (<i>Unlimited Journey-person-Flat Glass Work</i>) David Olender (<i>Public Member</i>) Frank Pitrone (<i>Unlimited Contractor-Automotive Glass Work</i>) Jennifer Russell-Vanasse (<i>Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work</i>) Carl Von Dassel (<i>Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work</i>) David A. Wills (<i>Public Member</i>) John A. Wisniewski (<i>General Contractor-Auto Glass Work</i>)
Board Members not present:	None.
Board Vacancies:	<i>Unlimited Journey-person-Auto Glass Work</i>
Board Counsel:	Not present, as requested.
DCP Staff Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A., License and Applications Specialist
Others Present:	Anthony Iarussi, <i>PRP</i> Douglas J. DiPisa, <i>AGS Auto Glass Specialists, LLC</i> Robert J. Schug, <i>APG</i> David Goulet, <i>Plymouth Glass & Mirror, Inc.</i>

Valerie Stolfi Collins, *Connecticut Glass Dealers Association*
Kurt DeVries, *Interstate Glass*
James Parella, Jr., *PRP*
Christopher Walker, *PRP*
David J. Ames, *Lockheed Window Corporation*
Richard N. Gregoire, *Lockheed Window Corporation*
Ronnie C. Carson, *Lockheed Window Corporation*
David Anderson, *Architectural Window Systems*
Shawn Whalen, *Architectural Window Systems*
Charles Scribner, *Classic Glass Ltd.*

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 9:30 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 24, 2008 Regular Board meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Blank/Russell-Vanasse)*

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

No comments were heard today.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

No items were discussed.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

No items were discussed.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Swearing-in of New Board Member Mr. Frank Pitrone as an *Unlimited Contractor-Automotive Glass Work*. Mr. Pitrone was sworn-in by Staff Attorney Anthony Santoro. All Board members welcomed him and look forward to working with him in the future.

B. Application of Mr. David Ames for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Ames is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Ames's application was presented to the Board for their review. The applicants' letter to the Board states that he does not currently have an apprentice program. Mr. Fusco explained to Mr. Ames that the FG-1 license issued for Connecticut requires that all installation work in Connecticut requires licensed personnel and holders of either FG-1 or FG-2 licenses. Mr. Ames employer was also present for Mr. Fusco's explanation of Glazier licensing in Connecticut.

It is noted that the Board discussed and reviewed this application in conjunction with those of Mr. Carson and Mr. Gregoire. All are applying for the Flat Glass Contractor license (FG-1) and all work for Lockheed Window Corporation. After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Ames's application and approved him to sit for the Flat Glass Contractor's Examination. (Von Dassel/Wisniewski)*

C. Application of Mr. David Anderson for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Anderson is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Anderson is President of Architectural Window Systems based in Massachusetts just outside Springfield. He has been in business for approximately 7 years. The company employs 14 people; 10 in the field and 4 in the office. This company currently has no apprentice program and Mr. Anderson considers all his employees journeymen based upon their years of work experience. Mr. Fusco assumes that Mr. Anderson is the principal of the company. Mr. Anderson has another employee who will be applying for an FG-2 Journeyman license in the near future. In addition, he has another employee, Shawn Whalen, present at this meeting today applying for a Journeymen's license.

After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Anderson's application and approved*

him to sit for the Flat Glass Contractor's Examination subject to the Department's receipt of a certified letter of work history. (Wills/Olender)

D. Application of Mr. Ronnie C. Carson for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Carson is scheduled to appear before the Board today.

It is noted that the Board discussed and reviewed this application in conjunction with those of Mr. Ames and Mr. Gregoire. All are applying for the Flat Glass Contractor licenses (FG-1) and all work for Lockheed Window Corporation. After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Carson's application and approved him to sit for the Flat Glass Contractor's Examination. (Olender/Wills)*

E. Application of Mr. Kurt DeVries for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. DeVries is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. DeVries stated that he owns Interstate Glass Company in Meriden, Connecticut for the past twenty three years and has worked for other companies in the past in Wallingford and Southington. His employee's hold FG-2 licenses and now he, as the owner, is applying for the FG-1 Contractor Examination. The Board asked questions regarding his facilities and the type of work he does. At his own admission, the applicant stated that he procrastinated in applying for his Contractor's license.

After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. DeVries's application and approved him to sit for the Flat Glass Contractor's (FG-1) Examination. (Russell-Vanasse/Blank)*

F. Application of Mr. Douglas J. Dipisa for a Automotive Glass Contractor's license (AG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Dipisa is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco confirmed that the applicant has been in business for approximately seven years on his own running his company Auto Glass Specialists and since 1988 altogether. Mr. Dipisa stated that that he previously applied but was ill when he was scheduled to appear before the Board. His business rents space from an existing body shop and that all his experience was gained in the field and not from formal schooling.

After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Dipisa's application and approved him to sit for the Auto Glass Contractor's (AG-1) Examination. (Von Dassel/Olender)*

G. Application of Mr. Richard N. Gregoire for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Gregoire is scheduled to appear before the Board today.

It is noted that the Board discussed and reviewed this application in conjunction with those of Mr. Ames and Mr. Carson. All are applying for the Flat Glass Contractor licenses (FG-1) and all work for Lockheed Window Corporation. After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Gregoire's application and approved him to sit for the for the Flat Glass Contractor's Examination. (Blank/Wills)*

H. Application of Mr. Anthony Iarussi for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); or review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Iarussi is scheduled to appear before the Board today.

After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Iarussi's application and approved him to sit for the Flat Glass Contractor's (FG-1) Examination. (Olender/Blank)*

I. Application of Mr. James Parella, Jr. for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Parella is scheduled to appear before the Board today.

After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Parella's application and approved him to sit for the Flat Glass Contractor's (FG-1) Examination. (Von Dassel/Blank)*

J. Application of Mr. James Parella, Sr. for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Parella is scheduled to appear before the Board today. It was noted that the applicant was not present at today's Board meeting.

K. Application of Mr. Robert J. Schug for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Schug is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco discussed Mr. Schug's work experience and history and noted that he is currently involved curtain wall construction

After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Schug's application and approved him to sit for the Flat Glass Journeyman's (FG-2) Examination. (Von Dassel/Wills)*

L. Application of Mr. Christopher Walker for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Walker is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Walker explained that he is a Union carpenter by profession and has done much work in the borough of Manhattan in New York City. His experience with glass work was setting pre-glazed units out of the box and not assembling glass components.

There was considerable discussion regarding Mr. Walker's past work experience and whether or not he has enough qualified time to sit for the examination based upon his documented work record given to the Board today. Mr. Walker stated that he can provide the Board with documented additional time as required.

Mr. Walker explained that he is a Project Manager for PRP and wanted to get his license to be sure his company has enough licensed people to be in compliance with Connecticut Law. James Parella, Sr. is the owner of the company and Mr. Anthony Iarussi is one of their foreman and will be on site everyday. Mr. Walker will not be performing hands-on work nor will he be supervising work in the field.

After much discussion concerning his options at this point, it was decided to require Mr. Walker to accrue more on-the-job training before allowing him to take the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination.

M. Application of Mr. Shawn Whalen for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Whalen is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Whalen noted that he has eight years of work experience; five years at Westfield Glass in Massachusetts and the remaining time for Architectural Window Systems also in Massachusetts.

Mr. Fusco noted that the Board will require Mr. Whalen to provide the Department with a certified letter from his employers. After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Whalen's application and approved him to sit for the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination subject to the Department's receipt of a certified letter of work history. (Wills/Olender)*

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Apprenticeship issue regarding an employee from Classic Glass; for discussion by the Board at the request of Ms. Jennifer Russell-Vanasse. Mr. Charles Scribner appeared before the Board today to speak on behalf of his employee Roger Gammon. Mr. Gammon has completed his apprenticeship program with the

Department of Labor but failed to pass the Automotive Glass Journeyperson's Examination. He failed the examination three times within a one year period coming within one point of passing. The Department of Labor has extended Mr. Gammon's apprenticeship period.

Mr. Scribner spoke very highly of Mr. Gammon's ability and work ethic and is asking the Board to authorize Mr. Gammon to sit for the examination again and forego the one year waiting period which would commence on the date of his last (3rd) failed examination.

After extensive discussion concerning the technical aspects of the examination Mr. Gammon sat for, *the Board voted, unanimously, to allow Mr. Gammon to sit for the Automotive Glass Journeyperson's Examination and not have to wait the one year period. (Blank/Olender)*

B. 2009 Calendar Dates for the Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board: the Board acknowledged these dates with no conflicts at this time noted.

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| 1.) | January 23, 2009 | 3.) | July 24, 2009 |
| 2.) | April 17, 2009 | 4.) | October 23, 2009 |

C. It was brought to the attention of the Board by several candidates present at today's meeting and by Ms. Valerie Stolfi Collins that when an applicant downloads the PSI Candidate Information Bulletin which now includes the Trade Application, the **Work Experience** part of the application is **not included** when the application is printed. Mr. Kuzmich will bring this issue to the attention of Mr. Richard Hurlburt, Division Director for further information and clarification.

D. Mr. Dave Goulet from Plymouth Glass addressed the Board. He presently holds an AG-1 Automotive Glass Contractor's License which was granted to him via exemption (grandfather period). He asked the Board if he is approved to take the Flat Glass Contractor Examination, does he have to take the Business and Law Examination part of the Examination?

E. Mr. Kuzmich distributed a report, for the Board's information, on the complaints received by the Department's Trade Practices Division relative to the scope of this Board and their statuses.

F. Mr. Kuzmich gave the Board an E-Mail dated January 16, 2009 he received from Fran Mirabilio concerning the work of her husband David. She asks if her husband can cut and polish mirrors, perform storm window repair, install

replacement windows, and re-screen windows under his Home Improvement Contractor's Registration. The Board discussed the letter and determined that Mr. Mirabilio can perform all the services outlined in his letter with the exception of cutting and polishing mirrors which he can perform only up to sizes not greater than thirty square feet as specified in Statute Section 20-340.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. (Wisniewski/Olender)

NEXT MEETING DATE; APRIL 17, 2009

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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