

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

APRIL 17, 2009

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on April 17, 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 (*Public Member*)
 Edward J. Fusco (*Unlimited Journeyperson-Flat Glass Work*)
 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*)

Board Members not present: David Olender (*Public Member*)
 John A. Wisniewski (*General Contractor-Auto Glass Work*)

Board Vacancies: *Unlimited Journeyperson-Auto Glass Work*

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A., *License and Applications Specialist*
 Richard M. Hurlburt, *Director; Occupational and Professional Licensing*
 Richard E. Maloney, *Director; Trade Practices Division*

Others Present: Wayne Daigle, *District Council 11*
 Mark Komaromi, *District Council 11*

Remiguisz Zysek, *R & R Glass*
Archie Griffith
Phong Doan
Valerie Stolfi Collins, *Connecticut Glass Dealers Association*
David Rosenberg, *Safelite Auto Glass*

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 January 23, 2009 Regular Board Meeting by all members, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Von Dassel/Pitrone)

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

A. Mr. Troy L. Messer is scheduled to appear before the Board to discuss his applications for the Flat Glass Contractor (FG-2) and Automotive Glass Contractor (AG-1) licensees. Mr. Messer was not present at today's meeting.

B. Mr. Remiguisz Zysek is scheduled to appear before the Board to discuss his applications for the Flat Glass Contractor (FG-1) and Automotive Glass Contractor (AG-1) licensees. Mr. Kuzmich noted that this applicant originally applied for FG-1 and AG-1 licenses. He was approved to sit for the FG-1 Examination in May 2003. To date, he has not taken the examination. A letter was sent to Mr. Zysek regarding his application for the AG-1 license requiring notarized statements from employers as to dates and duties of his experience.

Mr. Fusco noted that Mr. Zysek has been glazing for six years without a license according to his application. Mr. Zysek agreed and stated that other people he knows who applied at the same time he did were grandfathered-in and he is

asking why he was not grandfathered. It was determined that Mr. Zysek's statements were incorrect based upon the date of his application and the fact that the grandfathering period had long since ended at that time he applied. The Board noted that it was his responsibility to have been aware when this period was over based upon the fact that works in the glazing industry and associates with others who knew. It is not the State's job to *individually* notify all who work in the profession regarding changes in the law.

In response to statement made from the applicant regarding the examination, the Board stated they recently reviewed the test questions to ensure fairness to the candidate. After more extensive discussion, the Board can not grandfather-in Mr. Zysek for a Flat Glass Contractor License and the best they can do for him is to reauthorize him for the FG-1 Examination. The Department offered to refund Mr. Zysek the pro-rated license portion part of the fess he paid for the Auto Glass Contractor License. The Board also discussed, in detail with the candidate, the application process and study guides to use in preparation for the examination. After more brief discussion, *the Board voted, unanimously, to re-approve Mr. Zysek for the Flat Glass Contractor Examination (FG-1). (Wills/Von Dassel)*

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Update on the status of FG-2 Applications filed by members of Ironworkers Local No. 15 located in Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Kuzmich noted that he received a telephone message from Mr. Ed Reilly several months ago regarding the status of the Ironworkers applications. Mr. Kuzmich left two messages in an attempt to return his call. Mr. Kuzmich gave the Board an excerpt from previous minutes to remind the Board of the status on this agenda item.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Correspondence from Mr. Richard M. Hurlburt concerning Trading Desk End Panels. The Board considers type of work glazing and within the scope of work that needs to be licensed. Mr. Von Dassel noted that this type of glass assembly has an exposed edge of glass and is in a commercial setting as opposed to a residential setting. This installation also requires very specific knowledge of installation methods, procedures, and building code applicability.

B. Memorandum from Mr. Sean W. Daly notifying Board and Commission Members of a Question and Answer Session with the Department of Consumer Protection Commissioner and Representatives from the Trade Practices Division scheduled for April 21, 2009. Ms. Stolfi asked if this meeting is open to the public

or just Board members. The Board suggested that she call Mr. Daly and stated that she has their endorsement to attend this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Phong Doan for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Doan is scheduled to appear before the Board today. This candidate is from *Architectural Window Systems* and has a license from the State of Massachusetts. Representatives from his company were authorized to sit for their respective examinations at the last Board meeting but Mr. Doan was out of the country at that time. Mr. Doan has a notarized statement from his employer as to his dates and duties of employment. It was noted that the candidate is *National Glass Association Certified (NGA)*.

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

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Archie R. Griffith, Sr. for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. It was noted that Mr. Griffith owns *A to Z Services* which is a home improvement contracting business as well as a glass company in which he has 33 years experience. Mr. Griffith briefly left the business to sell insurance and during that time period is when licensing for glaziers in the State of Connecticut went into effect. Mr. Griffith's son has a Flat Glass Journeyman's (FG-2) license.

Mr. Griffith noted that he can provide letters from his previous employers as to his dates and duties of employment and asked the Board if he can possibly be grandfathered-in. Mr. Fusco stated that this provision in the law expired in 2001 and noted that the Board just interviewed a candidate in the same situation he is in just prior to Mr. Griffith arriving at today's meeting. Mr. Fusco, again, stated that the Board can not waive the examination.

After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Griffith's application and approved him to sit for the Flat Glass Contractor's (FG-1) Examination subject to receipt by the Department of notarized statements from his previous employers as to his dates and duties of employment. (Von Dassel/Wills)*

B. Mr. Mark Komaroni from District Council 11 addressed the Board concerning the definition of what constitutes a pre-glazed window. The matter came about from his conversation with a Department of Consumer Protection Investigator on a project being done in Stamford by *R & R Windows* from Massachusetts. The job involved a curtain wall system.

Mr. Von Dassel stated that intention of the definition of a pre-glazed unit is something that comes from the factory with the edges of the glass covered in either metal or wood where the glass itself does not have to be handled. Mr. Komaroni brought samples of actual glass assemblies that have been misidentified as pre-glazed window units. The Board acknowledged that there is a problem with the glass companies misleading the Inspectors as to what the definition of pre-glazed is.

The Board needs to define this term and to educate the Inspectors as to the difference between pre-glazed and field glazed units. The statutory definition of glazing and the exemptions were read aloud to all for the record. Mr. Hurlburt stated that the Board needs to develop detailed definitions, in their Regulation, of pre-glazed and manufactured windows.

C. Mr. Maloney gave the Board a summary of the Complaints his Division has been working on. He offered the Board more information on any of these complaints upon request and offered one of his Inspectors to attend the Glass Board meetings at the pleasure of the Board. Mr. Maloney gave the Board his Department's statistics on his Department's collection of civil penalties and total number of criminal cases taken to fruition.

D. Ms. Russell-Vanasse stated that she received e-mail correspondence from PSI noting that they are in desperate need of test questions to replace the questions the Board and PSI decided to eliminate at their workshop last October. The CGDA is working on supplying flat glass questions but PSI is still in need of 25 questions for the Auto Glass Contractor (AG-1) Examination, 21 questions for the Auto Glass Journeyman (AG-2) Examination, and 9 questions for glass repair. *Safelite Auto Glass* has been asked for help in supplying test questions. The Board discussed the difficulty in supplying test questions and their derivations.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.
(Pitrone/Blank)*

NEXT MEETING DATE; JULY 24, 2009

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TIME: 9:30 AM; ROOM 117

Respectfully Submitted,

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