

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

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APRIL 26, 2013

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on January 25, 2013 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*)
Frank Pitrone (*Unlimited Contractor-Automotive Glass Work*)
Jennifer Russell-Vanasse (*Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)
David A. Wills (*Public Member*)
John A. Wisniewski (*General Contractor-Auto Glass Work*)

Board Members not present: Carl Von Dassel (*Unlimited Contractor- Flat Glass Work*)

Board Vacancies: One. (*Public Member*)

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, *Department of Consumer Protection*
Richard M. Hurlburt, *Department of Consumer Protection*

Others Present: David Rosenberg
Rick Manroe
Peter Ed Reilly
Krystn Ledoux, *Connecticut Glass Dealer's Association*

Hector Duran
Ray (illegible last name on sign-in sheet)
Mark Chapman
Vinnie Valente, *Connecticut Department of
Labor*

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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 9:29 AM by Chairman Mr. Edward J. Fusco.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: JANUARY 25, 2012. Board Member Ms. Jennifer Russell-Vanasse noted that the attendance section is not correct for this meeting date. Mr. Kuzmich apologized for this clerical error and stated that the attendance shown was mistakenly carried over from the previous Board Meeting from last year. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes with correction noted herein. (Russell-Vanasse/Wisniewski)

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion concerning Iron Workers Apprenticeship Program in place with the Connecticut Department of Labor; for discussion by the Board.

Mr. Vinnie Valente addressed the Board introducing himself as the Program Manager for the Office of Apprenticeship Training – Connecticut Department of Labor. The details of the Ironworkers Apprenticeship in Flat Glass Work were detailed by Mr. Valente who had the program with him in printed form. Mr. Fusco note that the current apprenticeship program for flat glass work consists of 3 years (6,000 hours) of on-the-job training and covers every aspect of the trade including cutting and handling glass. Mr. Valente stated that the Ironworkers Program is primarily focused toward the commercial, high-rise, construction work on large buildings which sometimes involving rigging and the like. He reiterated to the Board that the Ironworkers Program is a bona fide meaning that the apprentice when completed is deemed competent to the State to perform work in this industry and may apply for the license in accordance with Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Fusco stated that Glazier’s Apprenticeship Program he represents was established approximately 14 years ago for glaziers and not for Ironworkers or anyone else. Ironworker’s representative Mr. Ed Reilly explained that in the construction industry, both ironworkers and glaziers work for curtain wall glass and glazier companies. The majority of these companies are a joint signatory which means that both unions may be represented at any given time on a job site and they both do the work.

Mr. Reilly stated that his union people are taught the same work in their four (4) year apprenticeship program apprenticeship as the glaziers are in their union such as curtain wall, glass glazing, etc. He noted that when his people complete their apprenticeship program, they are ready to test for the FG-2 Unlimited Flat Glass Journeyperson’s License

There was extensive discussion between the Board and Mr. Valente concerning the differences in the work schedules and details of the Glazier and Ironworker Apprenticeship Programs. However, it was noted by Mr. Wisniewski several times during this discussion that the Ironworkers Program is approved by the Department of Labor and Department of Consumer Protection which he said raises the question of what the issue is and why the Ironworkers are here today?

Mr. Hurlburt explained that this matter resulted from an applicant that applied to this Board for the FG-2 License Examination with an Apprenticeship Completion Letter from Department of Labor which showed Ironworkers Local 11 as her sponsor. The candidate has since taken the examination which lead to questions from the Board relative to the both apprenticeship curriculums. In response to Mr. Wisniewski, both curriculums are approved by the Department of Labor.

In conclusion, Mr. Valente offered to have a representative of the Department of Labor Apprenticeship Division present at every meeting to answer any questions pertaining to apprenticeship, apprenticeship programs, and the requirements for licensing. This representative can also offer to help them through the process of making sure the applicants that come before them for licensing are registered apprentices. The Board agreed to accept Mr. Valente's offer. Mr. Fusco thanked all present for their time.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Article dated August 23, 2012 entitled "Window Film Gets Respect in California"; for the Board's information. This was presented to the Board for their information. The Board thanked the Department for the same.

B. From the Department of Consumer Protection, Assurance of Voluntary Compliance in the Matter of: DBA: Lizotte Glass, 390 Race Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts; for the Board's information. This was presented to the Board for their information. The Board thanked the Department for the same.

C. Proposed Bill 5611 concerning "An Act Repealing The Federal, State or Municipal Agency Employee License Exemption for Certain Trades; for the Board's information. This was presented to the Board for their information. The Board thanked the Department for the same.

D. Proposed Bill 6168 concerning "An Act Concerning Occupational Licensing For Veterans"; for the Board's information. This was presented to the Board for their information. The Board thanked the Department for the same.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Mark W. Chapman for an Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Chapman is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco noted that the applicant is applying for the Contractor's license. Mr. Chapman does not hold an FG-2 Journey person's License. Mr. Fusco explained the procedure of first holding the FG-2 for two years prior to applying for the FG-1 license. Mr. Chapman detailed his work history for the Board NK Glass in Fairfield, Connecticut for three years doing store front and architectural glass work. He changed positions and now works for National Glass in Stratford, Connecticut which is when the licensing aspect came to the forefront.

He would like to be able, in the future, to offer glass services on his own as a subcontractor working for a General Contractor. He has been doing glass work for six years in the United States and approximately seven years in Great Britain.

Mr. Fusco recommended that Mr. Chapman sit for the FG-2 Journeyman. In response to an inquiry from the Board Mr. Kuzmich explained that the Board has the latitude to waive the required two year waiting period once the applicant has the FG-2 and demonstrates the need for the FG-1 Contractor license. Mr. Chapman admitted that the time factor is not critical at this point in time. After more extensive discussion, the Board voted unanimously, to approve Mr. Chapman to sit for the FG-2 examination subject to written verification of his employment with NK Glass in Fairfield, Connecticut. (Wisniewski/Pitrone).

B. Application of Mr. Hector L. Duran for an Automotive Glass Journeyman's license (AG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Duran is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Duran noted that he has been working at Action Glass in East Windsor for the last three years without the license to do so. Mr. Kuzmich noted that this Board the applicant's co-worker (the owner's son) came before the Board in the recent past and has since passed his license examination.

Mr. Duran had documentation of his work experience with him and gave the same to the Board for their review. Mr. Pitrone noted that portions of the applicants work experience are "a little grey" and not clear as to its reference to him as a "Journeyman" and not a licensed Journeyman. Mr. Duran was enrolled in formal training in automotive glass work at his previous employer JN Philips Auto Glass. Although he was registered by his employer with the Department of Labor, he never took any formal classes. Mr. Wisniewski, speaking from his experience as Automotive Glass Shop Owner, detailed the mechanics of how the apprenticeship program relative to employer and employee.

After more discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Duran for the AG-2 examination subject to written verification of his employment with JN Philips Auto Glass documenting his time worked. (Wills/Wisniewski)

C. Application of Mr. Harold J. Piedrahita for an Automotive Glass Journeyman's license (AG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Piedrahita is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Piedrahita was not present at today's meeting. Therefore, the Board took no action on his application.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

No items were discussed.

8. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

No one scheduled before the Board today. In addition, there were no additional requests from anyone present at today's meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE;

JULY 26, 2013

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TIME: 9:30 AM ROOM NO.: 117

Respectfully Submitted,

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