

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

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JANUARY 23, 2015

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on January 23, 2015 commencing at 9:30 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

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

Board Vacancies: One. (*Public Member*)

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Karen Layman, *Department of Consumer Protection*
Richard M. Hurlburt, *Department of Consumer Protection*

Others Present: Larry Satchell, Connecticut Department of Labor
Joe Fazzino, IUPAT
Jessica Olander, Connecticut Glass Dealers Association

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)-706-1255.

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

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: OCTOBER 24, 2014 & DECEMBER 16, 2014.

After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve both the October 24, 2014 and December 16, 2014 minutes as submitted in two separate motions as follows:

October 24, 2014: (Wisniewski/Von Dassel)

December 16, 2014: (Wisniewski/Pitrone)

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. Resubmittal of Applications previously acted upon by the Board on October 24, 2014:

1. Application of Mr. Anthony J. Holland for a Flat Glass Journey person's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application to sit for the FG-2 Unlimited Flat Glass Journey person's License Examination based upon insufficient documentation of the required on-the-job training hours and related classroom instruction hours required for the license type for which he is applying. The Board, again, voted to deny this resubmitted application based upon insufficient documentation of the required on-the-job training hours and related

classroom instruction hours required for the license type for which he is applying. (Wisniewski/Von Dassel) Frank Pitrone abstained from the vote.

2. Application of Mr. Joseph P. Lanucha for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application to sit for the FG-2 Unlimited Flat Glass Journeyman's License Examination based upon insufficient documentation of the required related classroom instruction hours required for the license type for which he is applying. The Board, again, voted unanimously to deny the resubmitted application based upon insufficient documentation of the required related classroom instruction hours required for the license type for which he is applying. (Wisniewski/Russell-Vanasse)

3. Application of Mr. Robert W. Tongue for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application to sit for the FG-1 Unlimited Flat Glass Contractor's License Examination based upon insufficient documentation of the required on-the-job training hours and related classroom instruction hours required for the license type for which he is applying.

The Board, again, voted unanimously to deny the resubmitted application based upon a lack of school related instruction and because his application documentation is contradictory as to what license type he is applying for. (Russell-Vanasse/Wisniewski)

After more discussion, the Board voted to allow the applicant to apply for the FG-2 license examination based upon his on-the job training hours if the applicant so chooses to change his application type. (Pitrono/Russell-Vanasse) Mr. Wisniewski voted not in favor of this motion.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Proposed Bill No. 5253 enabling licensed contractors to employ more than one apprentice at a time; for the Board's information. The Board discussed the potential ramifications of this Bill in comparison to what how the law currently reads. Mr. Wisniewski stated that he is in favor of supporting this Bill.

The following correspondence was added to the agenda by motion of the Board at today's meeting:

2. Proposed Bill No. 81 which proposes an amendment to change the allowable hiring ratio regarding apprentices, journeymen and contractors to five apprentices for each journeyman or contractor; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

3. Proposed Bill No. 5777 which proposes an amendment to relieve certain mandates on plate glass glaziers by adjusting the current licensing requirements for such glaziers; for the Board's information. The Board reviewed this information and thanked the Department for the same.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. First review of Applications received by the Department:

1. Application of Mr. Eric R. Gregoire for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted unanimously to approve this application. (Von Dassel/Russell-Vanasse)

2. Application of Mr. Saul B. Wilk for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application based upon insufficient documentation of the required on-the-job training hours and related classroom instruction hours required for the license type for which he is applying. (Von Dassel/Russell-Vanasse)

3. Discussion by the Board concerning the definition of "glazier"; Ms. Vanasse referred the Board to the current Department Regulation noting that it does not include a definition of this trade. Ms. Vanasse gave the Board several resources from private sector sources giving their definition of the Glazier. Ms. Vanasse reminded the board of their past discussion last year with Department personnel in which they defined and gave an expanded definition of what a glazier does and what the work is by stating various examples of work they perform.

Ms. Vanasse read aloud to the Board several definitions from private sector associations. Mr. Wisniewski reminded the Board that this Board deals with six types of licenses; four (4) automotive types and two (2) flat glass types. She clarified for the Board that they are concentrating on the flat glass license types primarily to assist the Department Investigators in the field citing violations of illegal trade practice as it pertains to flat glass work. The Board looked at the existing definitions from other trades such as plumbing and the level of detail the regulations provide for the same.

Mr. Von Dassel believes that eventually this Board will have to deal with developing limited license types such as glaziers who strictly perform skylight work. Ms. Vanasse stated to the Board that Mr. Hurlburt in the past has discouraged the Board from developing limited license types noting the potential problems from doing so.

Ms. Vanasse, with the assistance of the Board, volunteered to review and consolidate a concise definition of the term "glazier" taken from the various resources discussed at

today's meeting and report back the Board at their April 24, 2015 Meeting. Mr. Wisniewski and other members of the Board volunteered to expand and better define the four automotive glass license types and bring these drafts to the April meeting also.

4. Mr. Pitrone stated to the Board that he observed two companies in Greenwich doing glazing work without licenses. Both companies are from New York. One company was called by Mr. Pitrone to advise the office that licensing is required. Mr. Pitrone presented his findings to the Department to which he has not yet received a response.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Rick Maloney Maloney, Director of the Department's Trade Practices Division addressed the Board regarding his Departments' complaint load. Currently, they have ten open investigations which represent an above average workload. He noted that the statutes lack language defining the relationship between contractors and journeymen. The statutes do define the relationship between supervisor and supervisee as they do for other trades. This presents a challenge for his Department when conducting investigations.

He recommended to the Board that they add this language when they undertake their regulation review as is currently defined in Section 20-332-16 of the regulation for other trades such as plumbing. Although the Statutes cover an overall mandate under prohibited acts, he does not know how this specifically applies to the glazier trade since it is not further defined in the regulations as it is for other trades. As it the language currently stands without further clarification, situation regarding glaziers now have to be litigated.

Mr. Maloney also suggested defining what a glazier contractor and glazing journeyperson is in the regulations and then further define the relationship between the two. He also talked about defining what glazing means and noted that his is currently a subject under contention with some of his Division's investigations.

Mr. Maloney addressed the Board regarding Proposed Bill 5777 which concerns the licensing of glaziers. He spoke of the mechanics involved in getting this Bill drafted and passed. He also noted that he is not sure of what some of this language means such as "relieving certain mandates on plate glass glaziers..". Ms. Vanasse stated that this Board is aware of the progress of this Bill and is monitoring the same very closely.

Mr. Pitrone informed Mr. Maloney of the companies from New York he spoke of earlier in this meeting doing what appeared to be illegal work in Connecticut and gave him all the details of his actions with the Department. Mr. Maloney gave Mr. Pitrone the Departments protocol regarding their complaint response. Mr. Maloney noted that the

Department is acting on this complaint. He also noted the total number of complaints his Division deals with yearly, on average, and noted his staff of investigators. Mr. Fazzino personally thanked Mr. Maloney for always being there to speak with him regarding complaints and also thanked him for his diligent effort.

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 11:06 AM.
(Vanasse/Wisniewski)

NEXT MEETING DATE; APRIL 24, 2015.

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TIME: 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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