

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

**OCTOBER 24, 2008**

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on October 24, 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 (*Unlimited Journeyperson-Flat Glass Work*)  
Brian Blank (*Public Member*)  
David Olender (*Public Member*)  
Jennifer Russell-Vanasse (*Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)  
Carl Von Dassel (*Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work*)  
John A. Wisniewski (*General Contractor-Auto Glass Work*)  
David A. Wills (*Public Member*)

Board members not present: None.

Board Vacancies: *Unlimited Journeyperson-Auto Glass Work*  
*Unlimited Contractor-Auto Glass Work*

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A., License and Applications Specialist

Others Present: Glen Moses, *Safelite Auto Glass*  
David Rosenberg, *Safelite Auto Glass*  
Dom Accarpio, *Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut, Inc.*  
John A. Cuoco, *Applicant for AG-2 Journeyperson's license*  
Joseph J. Esile, *Applicant for AG-1 Contractor's license*

Michael R. Livingstone, *Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut, Inc.*  
Valerie Stolfi Collins, *Connecticut Glass Dealers Association*  
Mark Komaromi, *Glazier's Local 1274*  
Henry A. Langer, *Applicant for FG-2 Journey person's license*

**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:**

After a thorough review of the minutes of the July 25, 2008 Regular Board meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Russell-Vanasse/Von Dassel)*

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

A. Mr. Dom Accarpio addressed the Board concerning flat glass contractors. He stated that he was by Local and State Officials that General Contractors when they obtain permits for their total construction projects covers glass works. He noted that while other subcontractors are responsible for obtaining permits and are accountable for their work; this does not seem to be the case with glazier work. Mr. Accario asked the Board if they can somehow communicate the need for flat glass licenses to the appropriate State Officials.

Ms. Vanasse stated that the Connecticut Glass Dealers Association has talked about this issue in the past and that perhaps letters should sent to Building Officials and other appropriate State Official making them aware of the requirements of the law. Ms. Vanasse noted that when a Certificate of Occupancy is issued for a building, the major trades have to sign-off and glaziers are not on this sign-off list as a major trade. Mr. Accarpio noted an actual example that he encountered of

this situation on a construction site. Ms. Vanasse asked what law is in place that requires other contractors to sign-off on their work. The Board speculated that there must be a law of this type. It was noted that the Connecticut Glass Dealers Association did invite all Building Officials to a seminar to review this requirement of the law but they all declined. The importance of a permit for glass work is very important and creates the accountability. It was noted that Chapter 391 of the General Statutes includes glass work as a part of the licensing for the trades. Mr. Kuzmich will address this matter with his Division Director.

B. Mr. Livingstone of the Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut, Inc. stated that this is a vehicle in place with the Connecticut Department of Labor regarding apprentices who have failed their license examination three times can be allowed to re-register as an apprentice provided that they are enrolled in the appropriate training program. It was noted that Mr. Jack Guererra is the contact person at the Department of Labor.

C. Mr. Von Dassel asked for the date of the Board's licensing exam review session with the State's Testing Company. The date is Thursday, October 30, 2008. Mr. Von Dassel noted that he received conflicting e-mails from the Testing Company Officials.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS:**

No items were discussed.

#### **5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Information dated October 2008 from LYNX Services concerning enhancements to METRYX data elements; as requested by Ms. Jennifer Russell-Vanasse. This information was acknowledged by the Board

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. "CHRO Reviews" CHRO CRITERIA PER SECTION 46a-80;

1.) Applicant: Angel M. Vazquez, Jr.; applied for an FG-2 Journeyperson's License on July 30, 2008. Mr. Kuzmich noted that there has been a change regarding this agenda item. The Department is now handling this matter and therefore, no need for any further action from the Board.

B. Application of Mr. John A. Cuoco for a Automotive Glass Journeyman's license (AG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Cuoco is scheduled to appear before the Board today. The applicant's original application was circulated among the Board members for their review. It was noted that the applicant has seven years experience in auto glass work working for the same contractor and is from out-of-state. To Mr. Cuoco's credit, Ms. Vanasse noted that he has taken all the National Glass Association Training in auto glass work which, at the moment, is all that is required by the State of Connecticut. After a thorough review by all members and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Cuoco to sit for the Automotive Glass Journeyman's license (AG-2) Examination. (Von Dassel/Olender).*

C. Application of Mr. Joseph J. Esile, III for an Automotive Glass Contractor's license (AG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Esile is scheduled to appear before the Board today. The applicant's original application was circulated among the Board members for their review. It was noted that the applicant currently operates out-of-state in Massachusetts and is going to establish a location in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. The specifics of the contractor examination were discussed along with the differences between the Contractor exam and the Journeyman's exam. Being an out-of-state candidate, the Board noted in particular the required examination on contractor law. The Board also answered from the applicant regarding establishing an apprenticeship program in Connecticut. After a thorough review by all Board members and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Esile's application for the Automotive Glass Contractor's Examination. (Blank/Russell-Vanasse)*

D. Application of Mr. Henry A. Langer for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Langer is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco inquired as to the type of work the applicant is doing. Mr. Langer stated that he works for a commercial vinyl replacement window company and detailed his glazing experience both past and present. The majority of his work has been in the installation pre-glazed window units. The applicant also has experience in more traditional glazing work and cited examples of jobs of this type he has worked on.

Hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Langer's application for the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination. (Wisniewski/Wills)*

E. Application of Mr. Kevin W. O'Hare for a Flat Glass Contractors' license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. O'Hare is scheduled to appear before the Board today.

Mr. O'Hare was not present at today's Board meeting. Therefore, the Board postponed further discussion on this application until such time as this applicant appears before the Board for an interview.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

A. The Board discussed their recourse when they discover that an applicant coming before them has been working unlicensed for some time. Mr. Hurlburt stated that the Board needs to make a motion to refer the applicant's application to the Department's Trade Practices Division. The application will be logged in by them as a complaint and the Department will investigate it.

Ms. Russell made reference to an applicant that recently came before them for an interview to sit for a glazier examination. She subsequently discovered that this applicant had been investigated by the Department for unlicensed practice several years prior to his interview with them. Discovering this, she feels as if the Board has been treated unfairly. Other members agreed with her. Ms. Stolfi made the point that Department action as described herein may discourage those working illegally to get licensed with the Department.

B. Mr. Wisniewski asked the Department for an update on their recent vote to change their regulations concerning licensee's posting bonds and local zoning approvals with their renewal applications. He also questioned whether the Board has jurisdiction over the purchasing of automotive glass products without the license to install the same.

*After more extensive discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to refer the application of Mr. Darryl Maslak to the Department of Consumer Protection's Trade Practices Division for further investigation of potential of unlicensed practice. (Russell-Vanasse/Olender)*

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48AM. (Von Dassel/Olender)*

**NEXT MEETING DATE;                    JANUARY 23, 2009**

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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