

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

JULY 25, 2008

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on July 25, 2008 commencing at 9:30 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*)

Board members not present: David A. Wills (*Public Member*)

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: David Rosenberg, *Safelite Auto Glass*
Darryl Maslak, *AG-1 and FG-1 Contractor Examination Candidate, Plymouth Glass*
Lucille Maslak, *Plymouth Glass*
Valerie Stolfi Collins, *Connecticut Glass Dealers Association*

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 April 25, 2008 Regular Board meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Von Dassel/Olender)*

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

1. Mr. Rosenberg asked if the recent amendments the Board adopted to the Regulation will have an affect on the upcoming renewals for glaziers. In response, Mr. Kuzmich noted that these two changes are a long way from being put into effect and most likely will not be in place for at least a year. The amendments are currently with the Department's Legal Division.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. FALL WORKSHOP 2008 DRAFT from the Department concerning participants for the Examination Workshop with PSI Examination Services. Mr. Kuzmich stated that Mr. Hurlburt confirmed with him that there will be a workshop in the fall and asked that those Board members wishing to attend please note so today on the Board member list distributed to the Board in their meeting package.

All Board members confirmed their attendance at this workshop. In addition, the following members of the public will be attending also subject to the Department's approval; Valerie Stolfi Collins, Frank Pitrone, David Rosenberg, and Glen Moses.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. PASS/FAIL Rates for the AG-1, AG-2, FG-1, and FG-2 Glazier Examinations for the period 07-01-07 – 06/30/08; Board members reviewed the statistics in detail and discussed the general aspects and logistics of taking the test including costs such as text books. Mr. Fusco is concerned about the small percentage of candidates re-taking the apprentice examination out of the total number of first time test takers. Ms. Stolfi received feedback from some of these candidates who reported to her that there are many test questions not relevant to the profession being asked such as welding questions.

Ms. Stolfi stated that the Department of Labor gives apprentices four years in renewing their apprentice cards because they let them take three years and six months to take the exam and finish their apprentice program. She noted that if a candidate fails the test three times and has to wait one year to resume taking the test, the Department of Labor will not renew them for a fifth year. Mr. Fusco concurred. Ms. Stolfi asked how an apprentice gets around this? Mr. Kuzmich quoted the law on this area. Ms. Stolfi is concerned for candidates approaching the end of their allotted number of tries to pass the test who may be receiving inappropriate test questions.

Ms. Stolfi also noted many inconsistencies in PSI's test question appeal process after personally speaking to a PSI representative in her efforts to try and help some her students. The telephone operator she spoke with was less than knowledgeable and had a bad attitude. The information Ms. Stolfi received regarding the review process was determined to be essentially worthless and costly to the candidate. The candidate can only view his/her test without the benefit of any books or other people with them at the time of the review. An appeal of a particular question must be submitted in writing and takes 20 business days for a response from PSI. Board members were very surprised at the facts of how the appeal/review process and are not pleased with this system as it exists. Ms. Stolfi was told that a PSI Supervisor would call her back for further discussion but never did.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Fusco emphasized the urgency of an immediate review of the glazier examinations by this Board.

B. Letter from Mr. Darryl Maslak, dated March 13, 2008, concerning Contractor licenses for Automotive and Flat Glass Work. Mr. Maslak and his wife were present at the meeting. He noted that he is President of Plymouth Glass in Thomaston, Connecticut and has been in business since 1981. He noted that he did not take advantage of the grandfathering period to get licenses for automotive

and flat glass work as a contractor. In addition, both he and his wife also want to become an apprenticeship training shop.

Mr. Maslak comes before the Board today looking for direction because he is not sure what to do in his situation. Mr. Fusco inquired and was told by the applicant that he did not apply during this period for personal reasons that he would rather not discuss with the Board.

Mr. Fusco advised Mr. Maslak that this Board can approve him to take the examinations for both license types and that he should brush up on his studying to pass the exams. Mr. Kuzmich advised Mr. Maslak of the procedures for applying for these licenses and that the Board must have applications in front of them first before they can approve him to take the examinations.

The Board discussed general test information such as cost and application procedures with the applicant. Mr. Kuzmich offered to give the applications to Mr. Maslak after today's meeting and noted the testing company's website for information on study materials for the tests. Ms. Stolfi participated in the discussion also and was highly recommended by Mr. Fusco as an excellent source of knowledge and someone who could assist Mr. Maslak in the examination application process. Ms. Stolfi stated that three examinations needed to be taken for both the AG-1 and FG-1 license types. It was also noted that Mr. Maslak employs several journeyman license holders who are eligible to apply for their contractor licenses with his recommendation and support. He was instructed by various Board members on the registration of his business with the Department of Labor Apprenticeship Training Division. Ms. Stolfi offered to walk Mr. Maslak through this process.

After more extensive discussion by the Board, it was decided to approve Mr. Maslak for both the AG-1 and FG-1 licenses examinations subject to receipt of both license applications and the same being in order and consistent with today's interview as determined by the Department. (Russell-Vanasse/Blank)

6. NEW BUSINESS:

No items were discussed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Fusco noted that questions he had gathered from the Board's previous meeting on July 25, 2008 regarding follow-up items were all addressed at today's meeting.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41AM.
(Olender/Wisniewski)*

NEXT MEETING DATE; OCTOBER 24, 2008

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TIME: 9:30 AM; ROOM 117

Respectfully Submitted,

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