

S T A T E O F C O N N E C T I C U T
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
AUTOMOTIVE GLASS WORK AND FLAT GLASS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
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Department of Consumer Protection
Occupational & Professional Licensing Division
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on October 23, 2010 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 (<i>Unlimited Journeyperson-Flat Glass Work</i>) David Olender (<i>Public Member</i>) Frank Pitrone (<i>Unlimited Contractor-Automotive Glass Work</i>) Jennifer Russell-Vanasse (<i>Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work</i>) David A. Wills (<i>Public Member</i>) John A. Wisniewski (<i>General Contractor-Auto Glass Work</i>)
Board Members not present:	Brian Blank (<i>Public Member</i>) Carl Von Dassel (<i>Unlimited Contractor-Flat Glass Work</i>)
Board Vacancies:	None.
Board Counsel:	Not present, as requested.
DCP Staff Present:	Robert M. Kuzmich, <i>Department of Consumer Protection</i>

Others Present: Sebastian Carballo, AG-1 License Applicant
Brett M. Bennett, FG-2 License Applicant
David Rosenberg, Safelite Auto Glass
Valerie Stolfi Collins, *Connecticut Glass Dealers Association*

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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 9:30 AM by Chairman Edward J. Fusco.

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: JULY 23, 2010

After a thorough review of the minutes of the July 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Olender/Wills)*

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

A. Appearance before the Board by Mr. Frank A. Martinelli concerning glazier licensing relative to his work. It was noted that Mr. Martinelli was not present at today's meeting. Mr. Kuzmich noted state that this person came to the Department in July (2010) with questions on the interface of his home improvement contracting work with glazing work. It appeared to Mr. Kuzmich that based upon what Mr. Martinelli defined as his work would be covered by his Home Improvement Contractor's Registration. However, Mr. Martinelli wanted to be sure and asked to come before the Board.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Sebastian Carballo for a Automotive Glass Contractor's license (AG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Carballo is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Kuzmich explained to the Board that Mr. Carballo contacted him to be reconsidered for the AG-1 Contractor license.

Mr. Carballo stated that he and his brother at one time owned a glass business together and now they are no longer in business together; hence the need for Mr. Carballo to get an AG-1 License. His brother's business name is Bridgeport Auto-Glass. Mr. Fusco noted that Mr. Carballo does not have a Journeyperson's license. Mr. Carballo stated that he has been in the glass business since 1989 practicing in New York State.

*After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to allow Mr. Carballo to sit for the AG-1 Automotive Glass Work Contractor Examination.
(Pitrone/Olender)*

B. Report from Sub-committee concerning Drafts of the Standards of Practice for Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work. Ms. Vanasse questioned whether the Board would consider removing the word "commercial" from the existing Statute Section 20-340(14) therefore eliminating the need to define a term that is difficult to define and also eliminating a "grey" area. Ms. Stolfi noted that eliminating this term would make it easier for the State to police. The Board discussed various examples of what would and would not be considered glazing work as well as some proposed definitions given by some Board Members.

Mr. Olender asked the Board what their main purpose is in trying to define glazed and pre-glazed. Ms. Vanasse gave an example of why there needs to be a clear definition based upon trades people and inspectors in the field not knowing the definition and the potential to put at risk public health, safety, and welfare.

Mr. Wills stated that he believes that the Board must define "pre-glazed". Ms. Stolfi explained the origin of the need to define the term "pre-glazed" based upon a situation encountered by Department Inspectors in the field on a job where glass panels were incorrectly identified by field workers as being "pre-glazed" when it was not. The Department Inspectors told the Board that having a definition to hang their hat on would be of great benefit.

Ms. Stolfi cautioned the Board against listing exemptions in the Statutes for the current time, ten years from now, the exemptions will certainly change and the process for changing the Statutes is very cumbersome and time consuming. Terms used in the Statutes should be as generic as possible to ensure their

longevity. She also suggested the use of the terms "including, but not limited to" as a way of minimizing future changes. Mr. Pitrone suggested the Board consider combining both his and Mr. Von Dassel's definitions of *pre-glazed* the Board doesn't need to be concerned about exemptions because the term has been clearly defined.

Ms. Stolfi noted that changes made to regulation are far less complicated and time consuming than changing statutes and that the earlier suggestion of eliminating the word "*commercial*" is a statutory change. Mr. Olender questioned the Department's history regarding complaints concerning glazing work such as the type discussed at today's meeting. The Board also discussed the role of Building Officials in the context of their proposed regulatory/statutory changes and the fact that based upon current staffing, there is no way that any of these changes can be properly enforced by the Department.

After more extensive discussion, Mr. Fusco asked the subcommittee to reconvene and develop a clear definition of "*pre-glazed*" based upon today's discussions and report back to the Board at their January 2011 meeting. The Board also decided to circulate the existing drafts of the Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Regulation Drafts for further discussion and development at the Board's January 2011 regular meeting.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Letter from Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, dated July 21, 2010, concerning licensing for the installation of hoists; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information. Mr. Fusco noted that this letter really refers to scaffolding and not a true elevator. The State wants the operator of this type device to be licensed. He noted that if work picks up, this topic will in the news more frequently.

B. Press Release from the Department of Consumer Protection, dated July 23, 2010, concerning unlicensed electrical sign work; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Brett M. Bennett for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Bennett is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Bennett addressed the Board and stated that

he works for Stanley Company in the Automatic Door Division in Farmington Connecticut since 2003.

After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to allow Mr. Bennett to sit for the FG-2 Flat Glass Work Journey person's Examination. (Russell-Vanasse/Olender)

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Ms. Russell-Vanasse expressed her concern regarding candidates the Board approved to sit for examinations. She asked if the Department can follow up on these candidates to ensure that they, in fact, do sit for the examinations and are not working illegally. Mr. Kuzmich will try and retrieve this data from the Department's testing company's database.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.
(Wills/Pitrone)*

NEXT MEETING DATE;

JANUARY 28, 2011

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165 CAPITOL AVENUE
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TIME: 9:30 AM ROOM NO.: 117

Respectfully Submitted,

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