

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

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JULY 26, 2013

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on July 26, 2013 commencing at 9:35 AM in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members present: Edward J. Fusco (*Unlimited Journey person- Flat 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*)
David A. Wills (*Public Member*)
Frank Pitrone (*Unlimited Contractor-Automotive 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: Larry Satchell, Connecticut Department of Labor
Brendon Toole, The Glass Shop
David Rosenberg, JN Phillips Auto Glass
Marc Klahr, Klahr Glass Company

Krystn Ledoux, *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 MEETING: APRIL 26, 2013.

After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the minutes as submitted. (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. Continuing of Discussion concerning Iron Workers Apprenticeship Program in place with the Connecticut Department of Labor; for discussion by the Board. Ms. Russell-Vanasse wanted to go on Record and clarify that contrary to comments made by Mr. Vinnie Valente of the Connecticut Department of Labor at the Board's last meeting pertaining to the Iron Workers Apprenticeship Program, they believe that the Ironworkers Program is not equivalent to the Glazier's Program. The Board referenced a letter from Mr. Bob Martin from the Department of labor written in 2004 which the Board believes was made reference to by Mr. Valente.

Ms. Vanasse stated that although this letter acknowledges the equivalency of the two programs related classroom instruction, the on-the job training elements needs to be evaluated from the date of this letter forward as stated by the

Department of Consumer Protection. This Board wants to clarify this information to Mr. Valente and make him aware of the discussion on this issue from nine years ago. The Board would like to confirm this information in writing to Mr. Valente so that there is no confusion going forward. Ms. Vanasse offered to draft this letter.

Ms. Vanasse also questioned if companies using unlicensed individuals must comply with the prevailing wage rates. It was suggested that the Board can inquire under the Freedom of Information Act with the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division for copies of Certified Payroll Records for the job(s) in question.

5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Media Release dated May 22, 2012 from the Connecticut Labor Department concerning Stop Work Order at Statewide Construction Sites; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

B. Media Release dated April 25, 2013 from the Connecticut Labor Department concerning Stop Work Order at Trinity College Construction Site; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

C. Connecticut Post New Article published June 10, 2013 entitled "The Hartford hit with \$20 Million in Damages"; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

D. Overview of New Hampshire Plate Glass Corporation; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

E. Consumer Protection Complaint Form; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Application of Mr. Mark Klahr for a 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. Klahr confirmed that he is applying for a Contractor's License for flat glass work and has been working in Connecticut both in the past

and at present as the Owner of the Klahr Glass Company. He also has ten employees none of which are registered apprentices. He became aware of the licensing requirement three years ago. It was noted that at this point, both he and his employees are working illegally.

Mr. Fusco explained Connecticut's licensing requirements and application procedures to Mr. Klahr for both himself and his employees and the also the fundamental reasons for licensing in this State. Mr. Klahr will explain to his employees that they can no longer do work in Connecticut until they obtain their licenses. In addition, he will also affiliate with licensed individuals to perform glass work in this interim period. Mr. Klahr stated that he applied to PSI three years ago and was told that his application was incomplete and his money was returned to him. Mr. Klahr acknowledged his responsibility in this matter and that he should have followed up on this situation.

Mr. Klahr confirmed with the Board that he will register all of his employees. Mr. Kuzmich detailed the application procedures for his employees both with and without experience and also the application procedure for his company as well. After significant discussion on the Board's options in this matter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant to sit for the Flat Glass Contractors License Examination (FG-1). (Russell-Vanasse/Wisniewski) Mr. Kuzmich explained to Mr. Klahr the enrollment process with the Testing Company.

B. Application of Mr. Joshua M. Levine for an Automotive Glass Contractor's license (AG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Levine is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Kuzmich stated to the Board that Mr. Levine spoke with him earlier today by telephone and explained that he had been in a car accident on the way to today's meeting and therefore will not be able to attend.

Mr. Kuzmich explained to the Board that he stated to Mr. Levine that he will present his application to the Board for their review and comment. It appears that the applicant does not need the AG-1 since he appears to not be the Owner of the company. After more discussion, it was decided to have Mr. Levine come before them at their next meeting for an interview to determine his need for the Contractor's license. The Board would also like more information on his company as to Ownership and the credentials of their employees to ensure that the proper qualifications are in place. The Board tabled Mr. Levine's application until their October 25, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

C. Application of Mr. Brendan M. Toole for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Toole is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Toole explained that he is from Massachusetts and at present has one job he is working on in Connecticut. Mr. Toole has two

employees; one which travels with him to jobs and the other a designated shop man.

Mr. Toole explained that his work is all residential in nature and limited to shower door installations. It was determined by the Board that for the work he does at present, he does not need the Flat Glass Contractors License and just needs a Home Improvement Contractor's Registration. The Board thanked Mr. Toole for his efforts in making sure he has the proper credentials to do his work in Connecticut.

D. Application of Mr. Sean P. Walsh for an Flat Glass Journey person's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Walsh is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Walsh 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 11:00 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE; OCTOBER 25, 2013

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165 CAPITOL AVENUE
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**

TIME: 9:30 AM ROOM NO.: 117

Respectfully Submitted,

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