

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

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**OCTOBER 24, 2014**

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on October 24, 2014 commencing at 9:30 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

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

Board Vacancies: One. (*Public Member*)

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A., *Department of Consumer Protection*

Others Present: Larry Satchell, Connecticut Department of Labor  
Jessica Olander, Connecticut Glass Dealers Association  
Justin Tanger, Skylights New England  
Dan Quaranto, Skylights New England

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

**2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: JULY 25, 2014 & AUGUST 28, 2014.**

After a thorough review, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve both the July 25, 2014 and August 28, 2014 minutes as submitted. (Russell-Vanasse/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:**

**5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Information concerning Auto Glass Installer licenses in Connecticut; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

B. Credential Status for all Active, Active-in Renewal, and Approved Glazier licenses as of August 1, 2014; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

C. Public Officials and State Employees Guide to the Code of Ethics; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

D. State Apprenticeship Council 2014 Schedule of Regular Meetings revised 8/26/14; for the Board's information. The Board acknowledged this information and thanked the Department for the same.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

### A. Appearance before the Board by Mr. Dan Quaranto from Skylights New England.

At their May 23, 2014 Meeting, the Board reviewed the documentation sent to them from Mr. Quaranto prior to the commencing the formal meeting since it was so extensive and in the interest of saving time. After a detailed discussion, the Board agreed to ask Mr. Quaranto to apply for the FG-1 Contractor license type and that all his employees apply for the FG-2 Journeyman License type or as otherwise applicable. The Board voted, unanimously, to ask Mr. Quaranto, and any employees he wishes to bring, to attend the Board's July 25, 2014 Meeting to discuss their work history and experience with the Board. At the applicant's request, his appearance before the Board was rescheduled to today.

Mr. Dan Quaranto and Mr. Justin Tanger from Skylights New England addressed the Board giving them an overview of their business. Mr. Quaranto, owner of the business, noted that his company is exclusively a sloped glazing contractor based out of Vermont specializing in ornamental skylights and skylight restoration. His company has done various skylight projects throughout New England comprising projects in Connecticut which include several schools, the Timex Building in Waterbury, and some potential work at the State Armory in Hartford. It was recently brought to his attention as a result of attempting to bid some public jobs in State that his company must have licensed employees in order to bid skylight work included in these jobs.

Both Mr. Fusco and Ms. Russell-Vanasse explained the scope of the license types for flat glass including both the Contractor and Journeyman categories including subject matter covered in these examinations and the format of the tests. Mr. Quaranto stated that because his business is limited to strictly sloped glazing work, some of his employees may have difficulty in passing the Journeyman Examination. Some of Mr. Quaranto's other employees with a more extensive background in glazing work obtained from previous employment prior to their work with Skylights New England may be able to pass this same examination. This led the Board into a discussion on establishing limited license types to legally accommodate individual's in the future in similar situations. This subject will be addressed in the future but set aside for today's meeting.

It was noted that Mr. Quaranto, Mr. Tanger, and several other employees of his company have applied to the State's Testing Company for their Glazier Licenses and brought copies of these applications with them today.. Both Mr. Quaranto and Mr. Tanger were advised by the Board to apply for the FG-1 Contractor Type for which Mr. Quaranto has already applied. Mr. Tanger will change his application type to an FG-1 from an FG-2. The Board further instructed the applicants to supplement their applications with additional

documentation pertaining to on-the-job training hours and related classroom instruction courses. The Board also requested that this material be sent to the Department and added the individual applications. The Department will then send these updated applications to the Board by e-mail for further review and action. The Board appreciates Mr. Quaranto's and Mr. Tanger's efforts in coming before them today recognizing their substantial travel to do so and thanked the applicants for the same.

B. First review of Applications received by the Department:

1. Application of Mr. Elbis Delrio for a Flat Glass Journey person's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board conditionally approved this application pending receipt by the Department, on their behalf, of a notarized statement from the applicant's employer attesting to the applicant's on-the-job training hours. (Von Dassel/Pitrone) Mr. Wisniewski voted not in favor of the conditional approval.

As an aside, Mr. Wisniewski is very frustrated by the fact that many applicants are simply not following the instructions on the application as evidenced by this application. He feels that this Board should not be trying to accommodate applicants not following directions which are clearly stated on the application.

The discussion now focused on what qualifies as related classroom instruction; specifically longevity in the profession as a substitution for actual coursework. Mr. Wisniewski believes coursework is formal instruction and not the Board assuming that educational classroom instruction can somehow be offset by actual on the job training. He finds it hard to believe that applicants with "twenty years in the trade" cannot take some formal classroom training.

The Board agrees, somewhat, in principal with what Mr. Wisniewski is saying and shares in his frustration on some of his points. Mr. Wisniewski also realizes that he is one vote on the Board and that is the benefit of having other members to participate in discussion and take their discussion to a vote.

2. 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. (Von Dassel/Russell Vanasse)

3. 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. (Wisniewski/Russell-Vanasse)

4. 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. (Pitrone/Von Dassel)

The Board voted unanimously to add the following applicants to their October 24, 2014 Regular Meeting Agenda:

1. Application of Mr. Elbis Delrio, Jr. 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. (Pitrone/Von Dassel)

2. Application of Mr. Harold J. Piedrahita for an Automotive Glass Journeyman's license (AG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application to sit for the AG-2 Unlimited Automotive Glass Journeyman'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. (Wisniewski/Pitrone)

## **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. (Fusco/Von Dassel)

**NEXT MEETING DATE; TO BE DETERMINED.**

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**TIME: 9:30 AM**

Respectfully Submitted,

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