# AUTOMOTIVE GLASS WORK AND FLAT GLASS WORK EXAMINING BOARD

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### **FEBRUARY 27, 2015**

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on February 27, 2015 commencing at 9:25 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)

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: Frank Pitrone (Unlimited Contractor-Automotive

Glass Work)

Brian Blank (*Public Member*)
David A. Wills (*Public Member*)

Board Vacancies: One. (Public Member)

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present: Jonathan A. Harris, Commissioner, Department of

Consumer Protection

Robert M. Kuzmich, Department of Consumer

Protection

Richard M. Hurlburt, Department of Consumer

Protection

Others Present: Larry Satchell, Connecticut Department of Labor

Joe Fazzino, IUPAT

David A. Paqua, FG-1 Applicant

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.

Mr. Fusco called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM.

#### 2. 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.

#### 3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resubmittal of Applications previously acted upon by the Board on January 23, 2015:

1. Application of Mr. Saul B. Wilk for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board, at their meeting held on January 23, 2015, 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.

The Board approved his application. (Wisniewski/Von Dassel) In response to questions from the board, the applicant noted that his decision to let his Journeyperson's license lapse was due to the fact that his duties in the family business were primarily engineering and estimating related; a decision he has come to regret. The Board also clarified his questions concerning the qualifications of his Journeymen employees to sit for the FG-1 Contractor's license examination.

#### 4. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Raised Bill No. 6735 – An Act Concerning the Provision of a List of Licensees That Perform Automotive Glass Work; for the Board's information. Ms. Vanasse stated that

she believes this Bill died in session or at least not been voted upon yet and does not look like it will be passed. She noted that the Bill is being replaced by a new Bill 6869 which states that insurance company cannot schedule an appointment for an insured.

The Board voted to add to their agenda discussion on <u>Raised Bill 6869 – An Act Concerning Automotive Glasswork Appointments</u>. The Bill expands the language of an existing law and states that any insurance company in this State or any third party claim administrator cannot schedule an appointment for an insured. There will be an upcoming Public hearing on this Bill on March 5, 2015.

Mr. Wisniewski discussed his participation in this Public Hearing relative to his role on the Board. He endorses this bill personally and was advised by the Board to speak solely on his own behalf and not as a representative of the Board.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. First review of Applications received by the Department:

- 1. Application of Mr. Juan P. Cardenas for a Flat Glass Journeyperson's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted to approve this application. (Russell-Vanasse/Von Dassel)
- <u>2. Application of Mr. Mark A. Corriette for a Flat Glass Journeyperson's license (FG-2</u>); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted to approve this application. (Wisniewski/Russell-Vanasse)
- 3. Application of Mr. John A. Count for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted to conditionally approve this application for the FG-1 License Examination subsequent to receipt by the Department of official documentation of proof of the applicant's business in New York State. (Wisniewski/Russell-Vanasse)
- 4. Application of Mr. Paul A. Giggey for a Flat Glass Contractor's license (FG-1); for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted unanimously to deny this application 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. (Russell-Vanasse/Winiewski)
- <u>5. Application of Mr. Daniel P. McLellan for a Flat Glass Journeyperson's license (FG-2);</u> for review and discussion by the Board. The Board voted to approve this application. (Wisniewski/Russell-Vanasse)

The following application was added to the Board's Agenda for today's meeting by unanimous vote at the request of Board Member John Wisniewski.

1. Reinstatement Application of Mr. Eric Rivera of his Automotive Glass Journeyperson's license (AG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Wisniewski note to the Board that this applicant's license lapsed on August 31, 2006 and that he worked for his company from 2007 to 2008. After a thorough review and discussion of this application, the Board voted to approve Mr. Rivera's application subject to receipt by the Department of all past due license fees including all late charges. (Russell-Vanasse/Von Dassel) It is noted that Mr. Wisniewski abstained from the vote.

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1. Department of Consumer Protection Commissioner Jonathan A. Harris was introduced to the Board. Commissioner Harris stated that he looks forward to working with them in the future and thanked all the Members for their service to the State. He also noted that he is always accessible to any Board Member(s) to address their concerns. The Board thanked the Commissioner and looks forward to working with him.
- 2. Ms. Russell-Vanasse asked the Board to add to their agenda for today's meeting an-email from Richard Hurlburt concerning an important court case for members of Agency Boards and Commissions whose membership is drawn from the occupations they regulate. This case was settled on February 25, 2015 by the Supreme Court of the United States and concerns the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission. The e-mail contains a link to the Court's decision.

Mr. Hurlburt explained that the case involves the issue of immunity and whether or not Boards can invoke State-action antitrust immunity relative to whether or not they are subject to active supervision by the State. Further he recommended that the Board or Commission Chairperson may want to invite its Legal Representative from the Attorney General's Office to provide legal advice regarding this recent Court ruling at a future meeting. The Board asked that their Attorney be invited to their April 24, 2014 Board Meeting.

3. Ms. Vanasse noted <u>House Bill No. 6808 – An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Certain Occupational Licensing Statutes</u> and asked the Department for an update on this legislation. The Department will update the Board on this Bill at the Board's next regular meeting

## 7. 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 10:21 AM. (Vanasse/Wisniewski)

NEXT MEETING DATE; APRIL 24, 2015.

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TIME: 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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