

**AUTOMOTIVE GLASS WORK AND FLAT GLASS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
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JUNE 23, 2017

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on June 23, 2017 in Hearing Room J, Department of Consumer Protection, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut 06103

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*)

Board Members not present: Brian Blank (*Public Member*)
Daniel Kulas (*Public Member*)
David A. Wills (*Public Member*)
John A. Wisniewski (*General Contractor-Auto Glass Work*)

Board Vacancies: None

Board Counsel: Not present, as requested.

Board Staff Present: Robert M. Kuzmich, License/Applications Specialist, DCP
Richard M. Hurlburt, Director, DCP

Others Present: Michelle Seagull, Commissioner, DCP
John Neumon, Director, DCP
Julianne Avallone, Director, DCP
Paulette Annon, Staff Attorney, DCP
Janita Hamel, Supervisor, DCP
Todd G. Berch, Program Manager, DOL
Joseph Fazzino, IUPAT, DC 11
Jason Werthman, IUPAT, DC 11
Joseph M. McGloin, Ironworkers Local 15

Joseph Toner, Business Manager, Iron Workers Local
15
Kimberly Glassman, Foundation for Fair Contracting

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

Board Chairman Mr. Edward J. Fusco called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MARCH 24, 2017.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes as submitted. (Pitrone/Russell-Vanasse)

3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

There were no requests to speak from anyone present at today's meeting.

4. DCP Investigation Division Complaint Status Report – 1st Quarter (2017); review of complaint report including open, closed, and dismissed cases for review.

Mr. John Neumon addressed the Board discussing the overall format of the report and giving them a brief explanation of the nature of some of the complaints listed. He noted that the report in the future will be more descriptive regarding the nature of the complaint. Mr. Neumon also fielded questions from the Board and he public present at the meeting.

Mr. Neumon introduced Ms. Paulette Annon to the Board. Ms. Annon is a newly hired Staff Attorney and has been assigned to this Board. Ms. Annon gave them an overview of her professional and educational background. Ms. Annon will be primarily involved with enforcement and will be responsible for bringing any complaints before the Board in the future. The Board introduced themselves, welcomed her, and looks forward to working with her in the future.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

(A). Discussion with the Connecticut Department of Labor, Apprenticeship Training Division concerning the Iron Workers Apprenticeship Program and the Glazier Apprenticeship Program.

Mr. Todd Berch from the Department of Labor introduced himself to the Board. Ms. Vanasse asked Mr. Berch questions regarding the Ironworkers apprenticeship program; specifically the differences between their work schedules and on-the-job training hours. Mr. Berch gave the Board a history of the ironworker's apprenticeship program approval process noting the dates and individuals associated in this procedure.

Mr. Fusco noted that this Board has reviewed the issue many times in the past with Mr. Berch's predecessors with the Department of Labor. The recent Memorandum of Understanding signed by this Board was discussed relative to the approval process for applications.

The Board discussed how they approved out-of-state applicants in the past relative to this recent memorandum. Mr. Hurlburt quoted sections of this memorandum concerning the approval criteria and detailed the Department's review process in conjunction with this document. He cited how other Boards approve their applications based upon their own Board's criteria. Mr. Hurlburt noted that each glazier application is looked at and reviewed by the Department on a case by case basis.

Mr. Von Dassel is concerned with the differences in training hours and related instruction curriculum between glaziers and ironworkers apprenticeship programs. He noted the potential for this situation to be putting the public at risk. Ms. Vanasse questions how both these programs can be approved by the Department of Labor with significant differences between the two. Ms. Vanasse, on behalf of the Board, asked that this situation be reevaluated by the Department of Labor. Mr. Berch acknowledged this request.

Mr. Joseph Toner addressed the Board noting that the history of the ironworkers in the glazing profession. He noted that the curriculum the Board has today and is at least 35 years old and does not represent their current syllabus. He emphasized their efforts in joint cooperation with the glaziers union both in the past and at present. Mr. Toner stated that although both ironworkers and glazier worked together in the field in the past, when the ironworkers made application for licensing, most were redened by the Board. Again, the point was made by the Board that their actions were based upon the significant differences between their training programs.

The Board emphasized that their function is public health, safety, and welfare and not "jurisdictional disputes" between ironworkers and glaziers. Mr. Toner agreed and thanked the Board for their time today.

Ms. Vanasse raised the possibility of creating limited license types to address this situation. Mr. Hurlburt stated that perhaps Chapter 393 of the Statutes needs to be changed to address the overlap in work between the glazier and ironworker professions. He noted that maybe a new definition, clarification, or exemption be created for ironworkers that includes whatever they need to do to perform glass work similar to what currently exists for home improvement contractors as it relates to glasswork on residential property.

Ms. Avallone suggested that perhaps this Board needs to communicate with the Department's Legislative Director Ms. Leslie O'Brien to address the issues raised at today's meeting. She noted that this would be an opportune time to do this relative to the legislative schedule. She also discouraged the Board from creating more license types and noted that the Department is, in fact, trying to eliminate some license types.

In conclusion, Mr. Fusco suggested that the glazier board and ironworkers meet to discuss modifications to the law to accommodate the work of both professions. Ms. Avallone noted that time is of the essence in order to try and make the next legislative session. She also stated that current documents from the ironworkers union need to be obtained in light of the earlier statement that what before the Board today is out of date. Mr. Toner noted, for the record, that the ironworker documents the Board has before them today did not come from his local union. Mr. Fusco asked Mr. Toner to provide the Board with the most current documents. Mr. Toner will do so and thanked the Board, again, for their time today.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

No items were discussed.

7. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

There were no further requests to speak from anyone present at today's meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM. (Von Dassel/Pitrone)

NEXT MEETING DATE;

SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

**450 COLUMBUS BOULEVARD, NORTH BUILDING,
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HARTFORD, CT 06103.**

TIME: 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Upcoming Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board Meeting
Dates:

1. September 22, 2017
2. November 17, 2017