

**MINUTES**  
**CONNECTICUT AUTOMOTIVE GLASS WORK AND**  
**FLAT GLASS WORK BOARD**  
165 CAPITOL AVENUE  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106

**JULY 23, 2010**

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on July 23, 2010 commencing at 9:31 AM in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Board Members present:            Brian Blank (*Public Member*)  
   Edward J. Fusco (*Unlimited Journey person-Flat Glass Work*)  
   David Olender (*Public Member*)  
   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:       David A. Wills (*Public Member*)  
   John A. Wisniewski (*General Contractor-Auto Glass Work*)

Board Vacancies:                    None.

Board Counsel:                      Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present:                 Robert M. Kuzmich, *Department of Consumer Protection*  
   Linda Roberts, *Department of Consumer Protection*

Others Present:                     Glen Spear, *FG-2 License Applicant*  
   Sebastian Carballo, *AG-1 License Applicant*  
   Scott Smith  
   David Rosenberg, *Safelite Auto Glass*

Valerie Stolfi Collins, *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. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board Meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chairman Edward J. Fusco.

### **2. REVIEW OF DRAFT OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Board was advised by Ms. Roberts and Mr. Hurlburt that the their discussion concerning Plymouth Glass from their last meeting held April 23, 2010 should be removed from the record in case they have to participate in any future hearings. *The Board agreed and voted, unanimously to delete this discussion. (Russell-Vanasse/Pitrone)*

*After a thorough review of the minutes of the April 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting by all members, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as amended herein. (Olender/Pitrone)*

### **3. COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

A. Reinstatement request of Mr. Scott C. Smith for his Flat Glass Journeyman's License (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Smith is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Kuzmich explained to the Board that they can reinstate this applicant's license in lieu of requiring that he retake the examination. Mr. Smith state that he worked for a glass company in Wallingford for approximately fourteen years. When licensing became effective, Mr. Smith qualified by means of a grandfather-exemption and his employer paid all his licensing fees for both auto and flat glass work. He was recently laid off this past January and realized that his former employer had let his license lapse for almost

two years. He sent in his renewal fees only to have it returned to him with a letter from the Department stating that he had to retest in order to get his license back. Mr. Kuzmich explained the Board has the right to consider an equivalent practical examination in lieu of the trade examination such as an interview by them as is being conducted at today's meeting. *After an extensive review of his licensing history with the Department, Ms. Russell-Vanasse saw no reason to for Mr. Smith to be reexamined and motioned to reinstate his license upon receipt of all past due fees. Mr. Pitrone seconded the motion. The motioned carried.*

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Continuation of discussion concerning Drafts of the Standards of Practice for Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work. Ms. Vanasse provided the Board with other States information pertaining to glass work; specifically Florida, Arizona, and California. It was noted that these State have licensing on a voluntary basis, the regulations were developed for those individuals who will be testing for this license. Mr. Von Dassel noted that a major area to be addressed in future regulations is the definition of "pre-glazed". The Board briefly discussed examples which illustrate their definition of pre-glazed. Ms. Stolfi gave the Board some background as to why the term pre-glazed is in the current law. When the law was written, the carpenters lobbyists wanted tot be sure that there clients could install pre-manufactured window units without the need for a license.

Ms. Stolfi believes that the Board can develop regulations now without the need for a statutory change. Mr. Kuzmich briefly explained the process by which the regulations are developed through the Department. It was suggested that perhaps the Board should list by and define by example what is and what is not pre-glazed in lieu of an actual definition of the term. Ms. Stolfi cautioned the Board about the limitations of giving a list and the difficulty they may encounter in the future should they have to make a change to this list by the regulatory process. The Board also recognized how complex the glazing profession has become as a result of cotemporary technology.

After more detailed discussion, Mr. Fusco suggested the Board appoint a subcommittee to begin a regulation draft. The committee will be headed by Ms. Russell-Vanasse, Ms. Stolfi-Collins, Mr. Von Dassel, and Mr. Pitrone. Ms. Vanasse noted the Department of Labor currently has definitions of glaziers and ironworkers and she questioned whether there may be a conflict between what this Department develops and what the Department of Labor already has in print. In response, the Board was advised to proceed with their draft as they want it written and let the Department's Legal Staff and the Board's Counsel at the Attorney General's Office determine what will remain in the draft.

## 5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:

No items were discussed.

## 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. It was noted by Mr. Kuzmich that he was contacted by Ms. Pamela Crodian-Miller from the Stanleyworks Company (Mr. Bennett's employer) to advise him that Mr. Bennett will not be able to attend today's meeting due to a personal issue. She also asked if his application can be placed on the Board's October 22, 2010 Board Meeting. As such, the Board agreed to her request and postponed any further discussion on this application until their October 22, 2010 meeting. Mr. Bennett is scheduled to attend this meeting.

B. Application of Mr. Sebastian Carballo for an 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 gave the Board Mr. Carballo's file for their review. It was noted that Mr. Carballo's brother came before the Board in past for an AG-1 license. Mr. Carballo does not currently hold a license. The Board questioned if they can grant Mr. Carballo permission to test directly for the contractor's license without first testing for the journeyman's license. *It was determined that the Board will grant Mr. Carballo permission to test for the AG-2 license since his brother owns the company he will be working for and there is no immediate need for the contractor's license. After two years of holding the journeyman's license, he can then test for the contractor's license. (Von Dassel/Olender)*

C. Application of Mr. Glen M. Spear for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Spear is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Kuzmich gave the Board Mr. Spear's application for their review. It was noted that Mr. Spear resides in Rhode Island and works for Stanley Magic Door Company in Bristol and Farmington. He did not complete a formal apprenticeship program but has many years of on-the-job experience and has been a member of the Glaziers Union Local 133 for six years. Mr. Spear is an automatic door technician and installer. Prior to his current job, he worked for a non-union shop in Woburn, Massachusetts essentially doing the same work that he does now. Any work that Mr. Spear has done in Connecticut to date has been as a member of a crew of licensed Connecticut glaziers

*After a thorough review of his file, the Board voted, unanimously, to allow Mr. Spear to sit for the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination. (Russell-Vanasse/Pitrone)*

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

No items were discussed.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM. (Russell-Vanasse/Olender)*

**NEXT MEETING DATE;            OCTOBER 22, 2010**

**STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
165 CAPITOL AVENUE  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TIME: 9:30 AM; ROOM 126**

Respectfully Submitted,

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