

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

**JULY 24, 2009**

The Connecticut Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board held a regular meeting on July 24, 2009 commencing at 9:32 AM in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

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

Board Members not present:        None.

Board Vacancies:                    *Unlimited Journeyperson-Auto Glass Work*

Board Counsel:                      Not present, as requested.

DCP Staff Present:                  Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A., *License and Applications Specialist*

Others Present:                      Joseph R Troll, FG-2 License Applicant  
   David C. Hall, FG-2 License Applicant  
   Robert E. Petrarca, FG-2 License Applicant  
   John D. Hall, FG-2 License Applicant  
   Ralph DeAngelis, *Mr. Shower Door, Inc.*  
   David J. Ames, *Lockheed Window Corp.*

Valerie Stolfi Collins, *Connecticut Glass Dealers*  
David Rosenberg, *Safelite Auto Glass*

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Examining Board Meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM by Chairman Edward J. Fusco.

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

After a thorough review of the minutes of the April 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting by all members, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the draft of the minutes as submitted. (Pitrone/Von Dassel)*

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

A. Mr. Ralph DeAngelis, representing Mr. Shower Door, Inc., is scheduled to appear before the Board concerning his employee, Mr. Felice Battista, and the Flat Glass Journeyman (FG-2) license type. Mr. DeAngelis is asking the Board if his employee needs a license to install strictly residential shower doors. It was noted that Mr. DeAngelis spoke with the Department of Labor inquiring as to whether or not he needs an apprenticeship program to be in compliance with his one employee. He has other employee's who hold flat glass licenses.

An exemption in the law concerning Glazier's was discussed. Specifically, this exemption states that Home Improvement Contractors registered under chapter 400 who install safety-backed mirror products or repair or replace flat glass in sizes not greater than thirty square feet in residential buildings installing glass pieces less than 30 square feet in size can do so without the need for a glazier's license. Mr. DeAngelis's company is registered as a Home Improvement Contractor and as such, the Board stated that his employee does not need a license

to install shower doors provided that the at the work stays within the exemption parameters.

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

A. Continuation of discussion concerning definitions for Pre-Glazed and Manufactured Windows. The prior discussion on this subject matter was briefly detailed to remind all of where this issue stands. Board members discussed their own definitions of what *pre-glazed* means. Mr. Fusco suggested that the Board address this matter at the same time they meet to develop examination questions.

The Department asked the Board to develop a detailed draft what "Pre-Glazed" means to aid in the Department's investigations.

#### **5. REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Correspondence from the Auto Body Association of Connecticut concerning recent Connecticut Supreme Court Decision. The Board acknowledged this information for their use. Mr. Olender noted that he is torn on his opinion regarding this matter. He does a great deal of work for these insurance companies starting in 1982. This process expedites repairs, cuts down on loss-of-use days, and is a great profit center for his business. Although his company gives discounts, the bottom line is that he makes more money based upon the number cars that go through. Going back to the way business was done prior would slow the process down and he would cost more money. Although he does not like being told by Insurance Companies what he has to do, he stated that this is how business is done today and both his shops have adjusted to this process. He estimates that 95% of his work is through Direct Repairs.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Application of Mr. David C. Hall for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Hall is scheduled to appear before the Board today. Mr. Fusco noted that his employment letters show that he has been working since 1996. He also noted that this license type requires a 6,000 hour apprenticeship. Mr. Fusco also explained the testing procedures and noted that until Mr. Hall passes the examination, he is only allowed to work as a laborer under the current Connecticut Law. Mr. Hall's employer/supervisor Mr. David Ames was also present to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the applicant's experience.

Mr. Wisniewski suggested that Mr. Hall be allowed to take the test after he passes the actual three (3) year calendar mark. Mr. Hall believes that he has the hours but not the actual calendar time. It was also noted that the applicant's home State of Rhode Island does not have a flat glass apprenticeship programs. After checking the Regulation, it was noted that the Board can make a determination of an applicant's experience based upon substantial equivalency.

After extensive discussion, it was determined that as long as the 6,000 hour on-the-job training (OJT) requirement is satisfied, the actual calendar time does not have to be met. As such, the Board will allow Mr. Hall to sit for the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination subject to receipt by the Department of written documentation of the applicant's additional work hours to satisfy the 6,000 hour on-the-job training requirement for a Flat Glass Apprenticeship program in Connecticut. Mr. Kuzmich will distribute this documentation to the Board by e-mail for their review and approval.

B. Application of Mr. John D. Hall for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Hall is scheduled to appear before the Board today. It was determined that Mr. Hall is within weeks of completing the required work experience. As such, the Board will allow Mr. Hall to sit for the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination since the work experience will be in place by the time his application for the examination is processed. ***The Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Hall's application to sit for the Flat Glass Journeyman's Examination. (Russell-Vanasse/Pitrone)***

C. Application of Mr. Charles M. Parent for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Parent is scheduled to appear before the Board today. It was noted by Mr. Ames who is the applicant's supervisor stated that Mr. Parent could not be present at today's meeting. Mr. Ames noted that Mr. Parent has extensive experience in excess of the required work experience hours. Mr. Fusco noted that it is Board policy to interview all applicants in-person who are applying to take the examination on the basis of equivalent experience and training. Mr. Ames will be back with Mr. Parent at the next Board Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2009 for the required interview.

D. Application of Mr. Robert E. Petrarca for a Flat Glass Journeyman's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Petrarca is scheduled to appear before the Board today. After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, ***the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Petrarca's application to sit for the Flat Glass Journeyman's (FG-2) Examination. (Von Dassel/Wills)***

E. Application of Mr. Joseph R. Troll for a Flat Glass Journeyperson's license (FG-2); for review and discussion by the Board. Mr. Troll is scheduled to appear before the Board today. After a thorough review of his application and hearing no further questions, *the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Troll's application to sit for the Flat Glass Journeyperson's (FG-2) Examination.* (Olender/Pitrone)

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

A. Ms. Stolfi-Collins noted that the State's Testing Company, PSI, is in desperate need of Automotive Glass examination questions. A date will be determined for the Board members to meet and develop test questions. The method by which these questions qualify to be on the examination was discussed in detail.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM.*  
(Olender/Blank)

**NEXT MEETING DATE;                    OCTOBER 23, 2009**

**STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
165 CAPITOL AVENUE, RM. 126  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**

**TIME: 9:30 AM; ROOM 126**

Respectfully Submitted,

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