

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 6:30 PM
Location: Eighth Precinct Auditorium, 21555 West McNichols Road, Detroit, Michigan 48219

- I. **Commissioner Linda D. Bernard called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Commander Chaplain DeShante Ervin, Sr. provided the invocation.
- III. **Report from Acting Board Secretary Robert Brown / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**
 - A. Rory Gamble Resignation Letter
 - B. ALWOP PO Caleb Williams
 - C. ALWOP PO Glenn Bines
 - D. DPOA Grievance
 - E. FOIA Request
 - F. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 04 27 2024_05 03 2024

IV. Community Impact Report.

Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield discussed the mission of the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) is to fairly, effectively, and objectively receive, investigate, and make recommendations regarding complaints concerning the Detroit Police Department and its personnel. It is the goal of the OCI to assist in improving the quality of law enforcement services by instilling citizen confidence in the integrity of the Detroit Police Department. Chief Investigator Warfield reported on the open cases and OCI stats, and the improvement in the processing of complaints.

V. Announcements.

Board Acting Secretary Brown announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the 7th Precinct location to be determined.

Monthly Committee Meeting Scheduled for May 2024

Policy Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

All Committee Meetings are held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters

VI. Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance	In Attendance	Not-In Attendance
QuanTez Pressley, Chairperson	Yes	
Tamara Liberty Smith, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks		Excused
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter		Excused
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Darryl Woods	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	6	

VII. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, May 9, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.

VIII. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2024. The minutes were adopted as presented. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 2, 2024, Police Officer Abdullah Nasser, the minutes were adopted as presented. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 2, 2024, Police Officer Kayla Roe, the minutes were adopted as presented. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 2, 2024, Police Officer Brandon Jordan, the minutes were adopted as presented. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 2, 2024, Police Officer Anthony Darling, the minutes were adopted as presented.

IX. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

X. **Chair's Report.**

Resolutions / Certificates

- A. Vice Chairperson Smith presented Certificates of Appreciation to NPO Baron Coleman and DPD.
- B. Vice Chair Smith presented resolutions to the following individuals Resolutions: Grand Sheik Craig Fuqua-Bey, Ms. Gail Tubbs, Mr. Harrison Shelby, and Mr. John J. George. Commissioner Bernard presented resolutions to the following individuals Mr. Nicholas A. Radden, Mr. Jordan A. Radden, and Dr. Louis N. Radden II, and Ms. Nancy C. Thomas.

**RESOLUTION HONORING
Grand Sheik Craig P. Fuqua-Bey**

WHEREAS Grand Sheik FuQua Bey's recent acclaim across various social media platforms stems from his pivotal role in shutting down hookah shops found selling vapes and marijuana to underage individuals. This action garnered significant attention, landing him a feature on CBS News 62, where his commendable efforts with the Bless Hands Food Pantry were highlighted. Furthermore, his dedication to community service has not gone unnoticed, as evidenced by the honors bestowed upon him by Operation Flip the Script, the Wayne County City Clerk's Office, and prestigious awards such as the National Action Network Dream Keepers Award and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Distinguished Service Award. His commitment to Moorish leadership is palpable, as he emphasizes the importance of coupling leadership with impactful deeds; and

WHEREAS Grand Sheik Craig P. Fuqua-Bey's journey as a Moorish leader has been marked by unwavering dedication and numerous accolades. His service extends beyond conventional boundaries, earning him recognition from the State of Michigan for his contributions to M.S.T.A. Temple #25. With over three decades of faithful stewardship as the Grand Sheik, he exemplifies the essence of leadership intertwined with benevolent actions. Fuqua-Bey's recent recognition underscores his enduring commitment to community activism and his steadfast belief that genuine leadership must be grounded in virtuous deeds; and

WHEREAS As we celebrate the remarkable achievements of Grand Sheik Craig P. Fuqua-Bey, it is evident that his impact resonates deeply within the Great State of Michigan, a place he affectionately refers to as home. His tireless advocacy and unwavering commitment to service have left an indelible mark on the communities he serves. Let us join together in honoring his exemplary leadership and his steadfast resolve to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, recognizes and commends Grand Sheik Craig P Fuqua-Bey for his dedicated leadership and contributions to improving public safety and police-community relations in the Eighth Precinct.

We thank and congratulate you, Grand Sheik Craig P. Fuqua-Bey!

**RESOLUTION HONORING
Ms. Gail Tubbs**

WHEREAS Ms. Tubbs has been a Detroit resident since 1991 and proud homeowner in the 1 square mile block, we lovingly call the "O'Hair Park Community." The community borders are West 7 Mile to West 8 Mile, and from Southfield Road to Evergreen Road. She comes from humble beginnings and hails from Honolulu, Hawaii. Gail is a first-generation college graduate with degrees in Administration and Leadership from Central Michigan University. An avid UM fan, she retired from UM after over 16 years of dedicated service. Her passion for youth in guiding them to be the best version of themselves while offering options that would embrace the brightest future, gave her real joy; and

WHEREAS As Gail writes the next chapters of her life, she turns to service in her neighborhood in involvement with the O'Hair Park Community Association (OHPCA) having a mission of "Strengthening the O'Hair Park community to become a community where people choose to live. With the new task of serving on the 8th Precinct Police Community Relations Council, starting as Interim Treasurer and now on the newly elected board as President. Gail Tubbs actively collaborates with the Eighth Precinct in Easter, Halloween, National Night Out, and the Police Appreciation Week. Ms. Tubbs hopes to solidify the structure, increase memberships, and observe how her team can engage the communities served by the Eighth Precinct with Family Days; and

WHEREAS As a member of the Executive Advisory Board at the Detroit Regional Dollars for Scholars (DRDFS), Gail serves on the Next Level Scholars Committee whose objective is to inspire and prepare students to succeed in life after high school. The goal is to target resources, experiences, and support students as they navigate their path to post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS Additionally, she enjoys her two grandsons Elijah and Aiden, as she still parents three adult men, a dog and a cat. She counts it an honor and privilege to serve this thriving community and anywhere she can make a difference. Hoping to achieve what the following quote describes, "Great leaders don't set out to be a leader. They set out to make the difference. It is never about the role - always about the goal." Lisa Haisha.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, recognizes and commends Ms. Gail Tubbs for her dedicated leadership and contributions to improving public safety and police-community relations in the Eighth Precinct.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Gail Tubbs!

**RESOLUTION HONORING
Mr. Harrison Shelby**

WHEREAS Harrison Shelby is a dedicated young community activist, organizer, mentor, consultant, and speaker with a passion for social justice and equity. With over 10 years of experience working in grassroots organizations, he has facilitated numerous community programs and initiatives aimed at empowering marginalized populations and creating positive change. Harrison is known for his strong leadership skills, tireless work ethic, and ability to bring people together to address pressing issues facing our community. He is committed to advocating for the rights of all individuals, promoting diversity and inclusion, and fostering a sense of unity within his community. Harrison is affectionately known as Mr. Community and he continues to be a vocal advocate for social change; and

WHEREAS Harrison serves as the Elected Corresponding Secretary for the Eighth Precinct Community Relations Council. He plays a crucial role in facilitating communication and fostering connections within the community. He helps organize activities for Easter and Halloween for the kids in the neighborhood, in collaboration with the neighborhood police officers, to make a significant positive impact. Providing safe and enjoyable events for children, strengthening community bonds but also fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and the community. Harrison Shelby is a dedicated and passionate advocate for social justice and community empowerment. His commitment to serving others and making a difference in the world is truly inspiring, and he continues to make a positive impact; and

WHEREAS Harrison's previous roles at organizations like the Detroit Phoenix Center, The University of Michigan Detroit Center, and Brilliant Detroit further underscore his commitment to serving underserved communities and youth in Detroit. His work with BME Community, My Brother's Keeper Alliance, and the Henry Ford College Black Male Focus Group demonstrate his dedication to improving life outcomes for boys and young men of color and supporting initiatives that address food insecurity and educational success. His involvement in

launching The Hawks' Nest at Henry Ford College, a student food pantry, and his participation in mentoring programs aimed at supporting black male college students highlight his passion for addressing critical issues like hunger, educational success, and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS His extensive service as an AmeriCorps Member with Public Allies, completing over 3,400 hours of community service over two terms, showcases his dedication to serving others and addressing community needs. Additionally, his participation in leadership programs such as the Leadership for Educational Equity Fellow, Young Elected Officials (YEO) Front Line Leaders Academy Fellow, and Young People For (YP4) Fellow demonstrates his commitment to developing his leadership skills and advocating for equity and social justice. Harrison's experience as a Regional Youth Intern with Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion further emphasizes his engagement in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within communities. His involvement in volunteering on political campaigns and active membership in the Michigan Democratic Party, as well as serving as an elected Precinct Delegate in Detroit, highlights his commitment to civic engagement and advancing progressive values within the political sphere.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, recognizes and commends Mr. Harrison Shelby for his dedicated leadership and contributions to improving public safety and police-community relations in the Eighth Precinct.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Harrison Shelby!

**RESOLUTION HONORING
NICHOLAS A. RADDEN, JORDAN A. RADDEN, and DR. LOUIS N. RADDEN II, D.O.**

WHEREAS One Family; A Shared Vision; and Three Enlightened Black Men = NUGGETS Cannabis Co., A Detroit Legacy in the Making. After years of research and development, and a two-year freeze in construction due to COVID, NUGGETS broke ground in 2022. NUGGETS opened its 6,000 sq. foot retail facility at 18270 Telegraph Rd. in the Eighth Precinct in 2023. Eighty percent (80%) of NUGGETS' employees are local community residents and ninety-five percent (95%) are African American. NUGGETS strongly supports DPD and the City by adopting a family and being engaged in the community. NUGGETS is the only known retail, marijuana operation in Michigan (and the USA), headed by a physician, together with his two sons, Nicholas Armand (Miami International University) and Jordan Alexander (University of Miami); and

WHEREAS Dr. Louis Radden II, D.O., a Native Detroit, is a Board Certified Spine Surgeon and graduate of Michigan State University College of Medicine and Duke University's Spinal Fellowship Residency Program. As the founder of Spine Specialists of Michigan, Inc., (SSM), he treats thousands of Detroit residents, and is frequently seen in television ads. Because Dr. Radden is committed to patient "wellness" and pain management without addictive narcotic drugs, he has a laboratory on site at NUGGETS and can prescribe cannabis-based remedies for pain that do not risk addiction or other side effects. NUGGETS is unique in that it is "vertically integrated" as a state licensed manufacturer/ grower and wholesaler to other licensed retailers and processors, at its 9,000 sq. ft. facility called "*Harvest*" in Lansing, MI. There are plans to build a third State of the Art facility on the adjacent two acres, for service, manufacturing, wholesale and distribution related enterprises; and

WHEREAS Because executive management and business operations is "in their blood", Nicholas Armand Radden, (Miami International University) and Jordan Alexander. Radden (University of Miami) serve as Creative Director and Project Manager, respectively, and are the link to marketing, sales, and new product development in MI and other states. There are numerous opportunities in secured transportation (of product), customer transportation, and laboratory (product) testing which African Americans and other industry enthusiasts can take advantage. Although Cannabis products are widely used by African Americans for both medical and recreational purposes, only two percent (2%) of Cannabis retail locations are owned by African Americans, and less than one percent (1%) of African Americans are engaged in growth, and testing facilities; and

WHEREAS City Council President Pro Tem, James E. Tate Jr., strongly supports African American ownership of Marijuana businesses in Detroit. NUGGETS holds multiple cannabis licenses and created a specialty product line called the "DOOBIE"© Brand, which is unique to the Detroit market, allowing for the extract & manufacture of cannabis material, including concentrated oil, and branded edible, drinkable, topical, or vapor 'DOOBIE©' products.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit and District Eight and Two, recognizes and honors Nicholas Armand Radden, Jordan Alexander Radden, and Dr. Louis N. Radden II, D.O. for their pioneering initiative in the multi-billion dollar Cannabis Industry, which has historically been closed to African Americans (except in the commission of crime). NUGGETS is legally licensed and operated; and Dr. Radden's commitment to serving the community, as a physician, businessman and jobs creator is worthy of recognition by the Commission and Law Enforcement. We thank and congratulate you Nicholas Armand Radden, Jordan Alexander Radden, and Dr. Louis N. Radden II, D.O. "*The Head of the Herd*" for your service to Detroit and Mankind.

We thank and congratulate you, Nicholas Armand Radden, Jordan Alexander Radden, and Dr. Louis N. Radden II, D.O.!

YES: 5

NO: 1

MOTION: PASSED

YES: Chairperson Pressley, Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Bernard, Hernandez, Moore

NO: Commissioner Woods

RESOLUTION HONORING NANCY C. THOMAS

WHEREAS, Nancy C. Thomas joined the Police Community Relations Council for the Twelfth Precinct in the 1980s. Her support and advocacy for residents and neighborhoods led local leader James Parker to invite her to a council meeting. She attended the meeting. Some 40 years later, she remains very active and engaged with the precinct and the Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas served on the Council's election committee for many years. She currently serves on its Advisory Board. Countless residents, police officers, precinct commanders, and city leaders have benefited from her deep knowledge and wisdom decade after decade; and

WHEREAS, Many Police Commissioners often worked with or heard from Ms. Thomas about police actions or community safety. She has been a fixture at precinct events. Her support of programs, such as the annual National Night Out and the annual Community Relations picnic, helped ensure a successful and fun time for everyone. Over the years, Ms. Thomas has taken special delight in the annual Feed the Police day, where she donated delicious dishes and served heaping plates to precinct officers. She also has enjoyed donating treats and engaging with children and parents at the precinct's Halloween activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas believes in service to others. She provided a warm and caring presence for Sinai Grace Hospital visitors and patients as a volunteer at the hospital gift shop and in the surgical lounge for more than 40 years. As a volunteer with the hospital and with the Twelfth Precinct, Ms. Thomas has touched and benefitted generations of Detroiters. She remains a driving force in the community. As she celebrates her 100th Birthday, her friends and family will honor her numerous civic contributions and continued service to the Twelfth Precinct Police Community Relations Council on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of the great City of Detroit, salutes Nancy C. Thomas for her tireless contributions to strengthening the bridge between Detroit police and residents. Our City is forever indebted to a tireless past and present commitment to improve public safety and police-community relations in the Twelfth Precinct and across Detroit for the benefit of neighborhoods and the Detroit Police Department.

RESOLUTION HONORING Mr. John J. George

WHEREAS Detroit native John J. George, Executive Director of Detroit Blight Busters (DBB). Co-founded the neighborhood revitalization non-profit in 1988 when he and two neighbors took a stand to make their own neighborhood safer. Over time, DBB has grown into an internationally recognized, grass-roots organization committed to being a positive catalyst in Detroit by stabilizing, revitalizing and beautifying the city of Detroit. Working with thousands of volunteers each year, George's "Blight Buster's" tear down abandoned houses, renovate existing homes, clean up parks and other public spaces, and help people become home and business owners; and

WHEREAS Supported by corporations, foundations and individual donors, DBB brings people together from all walks of life from both the city and the suburbs to make George's vision of creating safe, clean, healthy viable neighborhoods for all Children a reality. In 1995, the organization purchased and renovated a former Masonic Temple into the Motor City Resource Center. Today, it provides operational space for tenants and programs. It also offers full banquet and meeting facilities that are for rent and accessible to the community; and

WHEREAS George's efforts have spawned a variety of other initiatives in the area, including: Artist Village Detroit, Motor City Java and Tea House, Creative Juices, Public Art Workz and United Peace Relief, Veterans Village Detroit. Through his ongoing neighborhood stabilization and revitalization efforts, he has helped create a variety of new businesses, including "Sweet Potato Sensations" and "Detroit Tire and Wheel". He was recently instrumental in helping secure the development of a Meijer's mega-store for local residents. He was the founding chairman of the "Brightmoor Alliance" and past president of the "Old Redford Business Association". In addition, he has co-founded "Farm City Detroit", a collaborative project between "Fertile Ground Collective" and DBB to reclaim two city blocks and turn them in to urban farmland, providing free fruits and vegetables to residents as well as a picnic grounds, a meditation garden and other community areas; and

WHEREAS George was awarded a "Point of Light" from President Bill Clinton, was named Michiganiaan of the Year" in 1995 by the Detroit News and was selected to speak at the Detroit Regional Chamber Policy Conference on Mackinaw Island. Oprah Winfrey recognizes him as one of the country's community heroes. He has worked with the past six Detroit Mayors to bring neighborhood issues to the forefront and helped run Governor Jennifer Granholm's Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative. In 1995, he also coined the phrase "Angel's Night" and convinced then Mayor Dennis Archer to take Blight Busters Community clean up known as "Blight Flight" citywide later known as "Clean sweep". A former insurance salesman, George is a graduate of Bishop Borgess High School. He and his wife Alicia George, have three grown children all of which have worked in various capacities furthering their fathers cause.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, recognizes and commends Mr. John J. George for his dedicated leadership and contributions to improving public safety and police-community relations in the Eighth Precinct.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. John J. George!

Commissioner Bernard moved "that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the resignation of Commissioner Rory Gamble." The motion passed.

XI. Chief of Police and 8th Precinct Report.

Deputy Chief Jacqueline Pritchett reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

Commander Dietrich Lever 8th Precinct provided an overview of crime strategies, community programs and initiatives to reduce crimes, and also upcoming events in the 8th Precinct.

XII. Oral Communication / Public Comments: Ms. Charnita Williams, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Bernice Smith, Mr. Xavier Cuevas, Ms. Lydia M. Maciel, Mr. Josh Media, Mr. Armando Perez, Ms. Lory Parks, Mr. Ronald Foster, Ms. Cynthia Kylinn-Marie West, Minister Craig Fuqua-Bey, Ms. Julie Fernandez, Mr. Emilio Fernandez, Mr. Meeko Williams, Ms. Betty Varner, One of the Coldest, Former Commissioner William Davis, Julie Fernandez, and Emilio Fernandez provided public comments.

Commander Shelley Holderbaum and Captain Brandon Lewis of the Fourth Precinct outlined the three-day event celebrating Cinco de Mayo to address the concerns of the citizens. There will be a 4 PM meeting tomorrow at 7752 W. Vernor Hwy., Detroit, MI 48209.

XIII. Presentation to the Board.

Ms. Gail Tubbs 8th Precinct Police Community Relations Council provided a summary of their mission, purpose, goals and their Community -Led Crime prevention measures. The 8th Precinct Police Community Relations Council meet the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the precinct auditorium.

XIV. New Business.

There was no new Business.

XV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Pressley adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.