

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information	
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	▶ ☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	▶ ☐

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information											
1a Name of plan <u>SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(K) PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>002</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1996</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1963710</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>781-682-3251</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522120</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1996</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1963710</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>781-682-3251</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522120</u>	
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2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>SOUTH SHORE BANK</u> <u>1530 MAIN STREET</u> <u>SOUTH WEYMOUTH, MA 02190-1332</u>											

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/29/2022	KERRI-ANN MOORES
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	279
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....		6a(1)	196
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	211
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	3
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	83
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	297
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	1
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	298
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	295
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	18
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 2R			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ <u>0</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2021
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

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A Name of plan SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTH SHORE BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-1963710	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	3126	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
ABF SM CAP VALUE Y - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.10%

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ARTISAN MID CAP ADV - DST ASSET MA 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.10%

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AS GOVT SECS A - DST ASSET MANAGER 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.55%

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BARON GROWTH - DST SYSTEMS INC 43-1581814	0.40%	
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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
BARON GROWTH INST - DST SYSTEMS IN 43-1581814	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
GLENMEDE LG CAP CORE - STATE STREE 04-0025081	0.40%	

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I O INTL GROWTH A - INVESCO INVEST 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.50%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
INVS GRTH & INC A - INVESCO INVEST 11 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046	0.50%	
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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
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PIMCO REAL RTN BD AD - DST ASSET M 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
WA CORE BOND FI - BNY MELLON INVES 301 BELLEVUE PARKWAY WILMINGTON, DE 19809	0.40%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTH SHORE BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-1963710	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1535489	1289734
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	2000067	1219654
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	424559	487964
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	30715886	35984776
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	34676001	38982128

Liabilities

g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities.....	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	34676001	38982128
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	1046158	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1203400	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	9472	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)	0	2259030
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	211	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	25106	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		25317
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	0	3118882
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	6330	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	3112552	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		3118882
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	10361503	144517
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	10216986	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	-109366
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	-109366	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		1939245
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		7377625
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	3066470	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		3066470
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		0
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	0	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)	1902	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	3126	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		5028
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		3071498
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		4306127
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: CITRIN COOPERMAN & CO. LLP

(2) EIN: 22-2428965

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a	X		57830

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			
5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.			
5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)			
5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)	
5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.			

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan <u>SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► <u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>SOUTH SHORE BANK</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1963710</u>

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>04-6568107</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2021
v. 201209

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14c

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15b

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16b

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:

☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?

☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees
South Shore Bank 401(k) Plan
Weymouth, Massachusetts

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of South Shore Bank 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section -

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplemental Information Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H - Line 4i - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2021 and supplemental Schedule H - Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion-

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Braintree, Massachusetts
August 16, 2022

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

ASSETS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 35,892,381	\$ 30,653,905
Money market fund	1,179,175	1,531,294
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>1,422,608</u>	<u>2,066,243</u>
	38,494,164	34,251,442
Notes receivable from participants	<u>487,964</u>	<u>424,559</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 38,982,128</u>	<u>\$ 34,676,001</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments \$ 1,981,449

Interest and dividend income 3,112,040

5,093,489

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 25,106

Contributions:

Participant 1,203,400

Employer 1,046,158

Participant rollovers 9,472

2,259,030

Total additions 7,377,625

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants 3,066,470

Administrative expenses 5,028

Total deductions 3,071,498

Net increase in assets available for benefits 4,306,127

Net assets available for benefits - beginning of year 34,676,001

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - END OF YEAR **\$ 38,982,128**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the South Shore Bank 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of South Shore Bank (the "Bank") who have completed at least three months of service and are eighteen years of age or older. An employee becomes a participant in the Plan upon satisfying the service requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute to the Plan a percentage of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, up to the maximum allowable under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans ("rollover"). Participants who are age 50 or older by the end of the taxable year are permitted to make additional, catch-up contributions. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan also allows participants to make Roth 401(k) contributions, subject to certain IRC limits.

The Plan is a safe harbor plan. The Bank's contributions to the Plan are determined by its board of directors, and are designed to meet the requirements of a safe harbor plan. However, the amounts contributed cannot exceed the maximum amounts allowable under the provisions of the IRC. Salary-deferred contributions from eligible participants are matched by the Bank up to 5.00%. The Bank can also make nondiscretionary contributions to the Plan to be allocated to non-highly compensated employees.

The Company contributes safe harbor contributions in an amount equal to 3.00% of any eligible participant's compensation, regardless of whether the eligible participant contributes to the Plan. Employer safe harbor matching contributions are subject to certain limitations under the IRC.

Effective January 1, 2020, the Plan was amended to elect automatic enrollment contributions at 4.00% for newly hired employees after the eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, the plan elected automatic escalation for these newly eligible employees. On the anniversary of employee hire date, participant deferral elections are automatically increased by 1.00%, for a maximum auto escalation of 10.00%.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Bank's matching and safe harbor contributions, and allocations of the Bank's non-discretionary contribution, and Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their salary-deferred contributions, safe harbor contributions, and the Bank's non-discretionary contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Bank's matching and discretionary contributions and earnings thereon is based on continuous service, and vest according to the following schedules:

Participants hired prior to January 1, 2018 are fully vested after three years of service as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Interest</u>
Less than 1 year	33%
2 years	67%
3 years	100%

Participants hired after January 1, 2018 are fully vested after six years of service as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Interest</u>
Less than 1 year	0%
1 year	0%
2 years	20%
3 years	40%
4 years	60%
5 years	80%
6 years	100%

A participant's interest in their account shall become fully vested if employment terminates due to death, disability or normal retirement age.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow against their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000. Participants may have two outstanding loans at one time. The maximum term of any loan is 5 years, except to acquire a principal residence, in which case the term is 10 years. The notes receivable are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with prevailing market rates, as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or normal retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments over a period not to exceed the life expectancy of the participant or applied to the purchase of an annuity contract. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Hardship Withdrawals

A participant may withdraw a portion of his or her vested balance to meet specific heavy financial needs as defined by the IRC, subject to certain limitations outlined in the Plan.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures represent the non-vested portion of withdrawing participants' account balances. Forfeited amounts are used to pay administrative expenses and reduce employer contributions. Forfeiture balances were \$16,212 and \$33,151 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. In 2021, forfeitures of \$34,399 were used to reduce employer matching contribution or to pay administrative expenses.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and changes in net assets available for benefits during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are held with Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee and third-party administrator of the Plan, and are invested in various mutual funds, a money market fund and self-directed brokerage accounts at the participant's direction.

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisors and custodian.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Fair Value Measurements

The Plan records, on a recurring basis, the fair value of its investments. U.S. GAAP defines fair value and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) measurements and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3) measurements.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurement (continued)

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- **Level 1** - Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- **Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as (1) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, (4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of asset or liability.
- **Level 3** – Unobservable inputs based on the Plan's assessment of the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value, as well as the general classification pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There are no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual Funds and Money Market Fund – The fair value of mutual funds and the money market fund are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds and the money market fund are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds and the money market fund held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Self-directed Brokerage Accounts – Fair values of investments in the self-directed brokerage accounts, including mutual funds, common stock, and money market funds are determined by quoted active-market prices or net asset values where available. The type of investments included in the self-directed brokerage accounts are deemed to be actively traded and are classified as Level 1 investments.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan administrator believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of the certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed as they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

If a participant fails to make a payment when a loan is due under the terms of the loan, that participant will be in default. In the event of default, the loan shall become due and payable immediately, and interest will continue to accrue until the entire loan balance is repaid. The Plan will take all reasonable actions to collect the balance owed on the loan. Under certain circumstances, the loan in default could be considered a distribution from the Plan and could be considered income to the participant. In any event, failure to repay a loan will reduce the benefit to which a participant would otherwise be entitled from the Plan.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Bank and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events through August 16, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no subsequent events that require disclosure under the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 855 *Subsequent Events*.

NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 35,892,381	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,892,381
Money market fund	1,179,175	-	-	1,179,175
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>1,422,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,422,608</u>
Total	<u>\$ 38,494,164</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,494,164</u>

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 30,653,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,653,905
Money market fund	1,531,294	-	-	1,531,294
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>2,066,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,066,243</u>
Total	<u>\$ 34,251,442</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 34,251,442</u>

NOTE 4. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL's") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reflected in the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Schedule H, Line 4 (i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021, and the related investment activity reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

NOTE 5. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity Workplace Services LLC. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants are also party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. The plan sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

NOTE 6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any interest to do so, the Bank has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in their accounts.

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NOTE 7. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Plan by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax asset or liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of an asset or liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

During 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to constitute a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern". The pandemic has disrupted economic markets and the financial impact, duration and spread of the COVID-19 virus is uncertain at this time. The financial performance of the Plan's investments may be impacted by the market's response to the uncertainty of the situation, however the duration of disruption and related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

NOTE 9. RECONCILIATION WITH FORM 5500

Schedule H, Part I and II of Form 5500 are in substantial agreement with the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021, and there are no reconciling items.

NOTE 10. LATE TRANSMITTAL

During the Plan year ended December 31, 2021, certain participant contributions and loan repayments in the amount of \$57,830 were not remitted within the appropriate time period by the Plan Sponsor. These transactions constitute prohibited transactions as defined by ERISA. The late remittance and lost earnings were corrected outside of the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) in July 2021.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
EIN: 04-1963710
PLAN NO: 001

Participant contributions Transferred late to the plan Check here if late participant Loan repayments are included ☒		Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Year	Amount	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2021	\$ 57,830	\$ -	\$ 57,830	\$ -	\$ -

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
SCHEDULE H - LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2021
EIN: 04-1963710
PLAN NUMBER: 002

(A)	(B) Identity of Issue	(C) Description of Investment	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Fidelity 500 Index	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 4,900,600
*	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	Mutual Fund	**	4,233,765
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 K	Mutual Fund	**	3,693,225
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 K	Mutual Fund	**	3,518,999
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 K	Mutual Fund	**	2,597,732
	Baron Growth Fund Institutional	Mutual Fund	**	2,287,082
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 K	Mutual Fund	**	1,526,488
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 K	Mutual Fund	**	1,431,518
	Self-directed brokerage accounts	Self-directed Brokerage Accounts	**	1,422,608
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 K	Mutual Fund	**	1,333,624
	Artisan Mid Cap	Mutual Fund	**	1,186,856
*	Fidelity Retirement Money Market	Money Market Fund	**	1,179,175
*	Fidelity Diversified International	Mutual Fund	**	1,160,066
	Invesco Growth & Income A	Mutual Fund	**	1,024,253
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 K	Mutual Fund	**	699,293
*	Fidelity High Income	Mutual Fund	**	594,073
	Western Asset Core Bond Institutional	Mutual Fund	**	565,755
*	Fidelity Low Priced Stock	Mutual Fund	**	551,633
	Allspring Government Securities Fund - Class A	Mutual Fund	**	540,807
	John Hancock III Disciplined Value Mid Cap	Mutual Fund	**	516,434
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 K	Mutual Fund	**	490,016
*	Glenmede Quantitative U.S. Large Cap Core Equity Portfolio	Mutual Fund	**	477,045
*	Fidelity Freedom 2010 K	Mutual Fund	**	397,900
	PIMCO Real Return Fund Administrative Class	Mutual Fund	**	372,565
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 K	Mutual Fund	**	365,625
	ABF Small Cap Value Fund Y	Mutual Fund	**	312,470
*	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund Premium Class	Mutual Fund	**	270,135
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060 K	Mutual Fund	**	173,467
	Oppenheimer International Growth Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	149,584
*	Fidelity Freedom Income K	Mutual Fund	**	144,101
*	Fidelity International Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	138,117
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund Premium Class	Mutual Fund	**	121,513
	Natixis Funds Trust IV AEW Real Estate Class	Mutual Fund	**	99,701
*	Fidelity Freedom 2065 K	Mutual Fund	**	17,095
*	Fidelity Freedom 2005 K	Mutual Fund	**	844
				<u>38,494,164</u>
	Notes receivable from plan participants, interest rates between			
*	4.25% and 6.50% maturing through 2030		**	<u>487,964</u>
	Total assets held			<u>\$ 38,982,128</u>

* Party-in-interest to the Plan as defined by ERISA.

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and therefore it is not included.

See independent auditor's report.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees
South Shore Bank 401(k) Plan
Weymouth, Massachusetts

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of South Shore Bank 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section -

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplemental Information Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H - Line 4i - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2021 and supplemental Schedule H - Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion-

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Braintree, Massachusetts
August 16, 2022

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
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ASSETS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
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	38,494,164	34,251,442
Notes receivable from participants	<u>487,964</u>	<u>424,559</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 38,982,128</u>	<u>\$ 34,676,001</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments \$ 1,981,449

Interest and dividend income 3,112,040

5,093,489

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 25,106

Contributions:

Participant 1,203,400

Employer 1,046,158

Participant rollovers 9,472

2,259,030

Total additions 7,377,625

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants 3,066,470

Administrative expenses 5,028

Total deductions 3,071,498

Net increase in assets available for benefits 4,306,127

Net assets available for benefits - beginning of year 34,676,001

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - END OF YEAR **\$ 38,982,128**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the South Shore Bank 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of South Shore Bank (the "Bank") who have completed at least three months of service and are eighteen years of age or older. An employee becomes a participant in the Plan upon satisfying the service requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute to the Plan a percentage of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, up to the maximum allowable under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans ("rollover"). Participants who are age 50 or older by the end of the taxable year are permitted to make additional, catch-up contributions. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan also allows participants to make Roth 401(k) contributions, subject to certain IRC limits.

The Plan is a safe harbor plan. The Bank's contributions to the Plan are determined by its board of directors, and are designed to meet the requirements of a safe harbor plan. However, the amounts contributed cannot exceed the maximum amounts allowable under the provisions of the IRC. Salary-deferred contributions from eligible participants are matched by the Bank up to 5.00%. The Bank can also make nondiscretionary contributions to the Plan to be allocated to non-highly compensated employees.

The Company contributes safe harbor contributions in an amount equal to 3.00% of any eligible participant's compensation, regardless of whether the eligible participant contributes to the Plan. Employer safe harbor matching contributions are subject to certain limitations under the IRC.

Effective January 1, 2020, the Plan was amended to elect automatic enrollment contributions at 4.00% for newly hired employees after the eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, the plan elected automatic escalation for these newly eligible employees. On the anniversary of employee hire date, participant deferral elections are automatically increased by 1.00%, for a maximum auto escalation of 10.00%.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Bank's matching and safe harbor contributions, and allocations of the Bank's non-discretionary contribution, and Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their salary-deferred contributions, safe harbor contributions, and the Bank's non-discretionary contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Bank's matching and discretionary contributions and earnings thereon is based on continuous service, and vest according to the following schedules:

Participants hired prior to January 1, 2018 are fully vested after three years of service as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Interest</u>
Less than 1 year	33%
2 years	67%
3 years	100%

Participants hired after January 1, 2018 are fully vested after six years of service as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Interest</u>
Less than 1 year	0%
1 year	0%
2 years	20%
3 years	40%
4 years	60%
5 years	80%
6 years	100%

A participant's interest in their account shall become fully vested if employment terminates due to death, disability or normal retirement age.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow against their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000. Participants may have two outstanding loans at one time. The maximum term of any loan is 5 years, except to acquire a principal residence, in which case the term is 10 years. The notes receivable are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with prevailing market rates, as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or normal retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments over a period not to exceed the life expectancy of the participant or applied to the purchase of an annuity contract. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Hardship Withdrawals

A participant may withdraw a portion of his or her vested balance to meet specific heavy financial needs as defined by the IRC, subject to certain limitations outlined in the Plan.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures represent the non-vested portion of withdrawing participants' account balances. Forfeited amounts are used to pay administrative expenses and reduce employer contributions. Forfeiture balances were \$16,212 and \$33,151 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. In 2021, forfeitures of \$34,399 were used to reduce employer matching contribution or to pay administrative expenses.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and changes in net assets available for benefits during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are held with Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee and third-party administrator of the Plan, and are invested in various mutual funds, a money market fund and self-directed brokerage accounts at the participant's direction.

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisors and custodian.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Fair Value Measurements

The Plan records, on a recurring basis, the fair value of its investments. U.S. GAAP defines fair value and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) measurements and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3) measurements.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurement (continued)

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- **Level 1** - Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- **Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as (1) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, (4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of asset or liability.
- **Level 3** – Unobservable inputs based on the Plan's assessment of the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value, as well as the general classification pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There are no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual Funds and Money Market Fund – The fair value of mutual funds and the money market fund are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds and the money market fund are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds and the money market fund held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Self-directed Brokerage Accounts – Fair values of investments in the self-directed brokerage accounts, including mutual funds, common stock, and money market funds are determined by quoted active-market prices or net asset values where available. The type of investments included in the self-directed brokerage accounts are deemed to be actively traded and are classified as Level 1 investments.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan administrator believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of the certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed as they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

If a participant fails to make a payment when a loan is due under the terms of the loan, that participant will be in default. In the event of default, the loan shall become due and payable immediately, and interest will continue to accrue until the entire loan balance is repaid. The Plan will take all reasonable actions to collect the balance owed on the loan. Under certain circumstances, the loan in default could be considered a distribution from the Plan and could be considered income to the participant. In any event, failure to repay a loan will reduce the benefit to which a participant would otherwise be entitled from the Plan.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Bank and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events through August 16, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no subsequent events that require disclosure under the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 855 *Subsequent Events*.

NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 35,892,381	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,892,381
Money market fund	1,179,175	-	-	1,179,175
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>1,422,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,422,608</u>
Total	<u>\$ 38,494,164</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,494,164</u>

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 30,653,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,653,905
Money market fund	1,531,294	-	-	1,531,294
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>2,066,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,066,243</u>
Total	<u>\$ 34,251,442</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 34,251,442</u>

NOTE 4. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL's") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reflected in the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Schedule H, Line 4 (i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021, and the related investment activity reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

NOTE 5. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity Workplace Services LLC. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants are also party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. The plan sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

NOTE 6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any interest to do so, the Bank has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in their accounts.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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NOTE 7. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Plan by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax asset or liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of an asset or liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

During 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to constitute a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern". The pandemic has disrupted economic markets and the financial impact, duration and spread of the COVID-19 virus is uncertain at this time. The financial performance of the Plan's investments may be impacted by the market's response to the uncertainty of the situation, however the duration of disruption and related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

NOTE 9. RECONCILIATION WITH FORM 5500

Schedule H, Part I and II of Form 5500 are in substantial agreement with the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021, and there are no reconciling items.

NOTE 10. LATE TRANSMITTAL

During the Plan year ended December 31, 2021, certain participant contributions and loan repayments in the amount of \$57,830 were not remitted within the appropriate time period by the Plan Sponsor. These transactions constitute prohibited transactions as defined by ERISA. The late remittance and lost earnings were corrected outside of the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) in July 2021.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
EIN: 04-1963710
PLAN NO: 001

Participant contributions Transferred late to the plan Check here if late participant Loan repayments are included ☒		Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Year	Amount	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2021	\$ 57,830	\$ -	\$ 57,830	\$ -	\$ -

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
SCHEDULE H - LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2021
EIN: 04-1963710
PLAN NUMBER: 002

(A)	(B) Identity of Issue	(C) Description of Investment	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Fidelity 500 Index	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 4,900,600
*	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	Mutual Fund	**	4,233,765
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 K	Mutual Fund	**	3,693,225
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 K	Mutual Fund	**	3,518,999
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 K	Mutual Fund	**	2,597,732
	Baron Growth Fund Institutional	Mutual Fund	**	2,287,082
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 K	Mutual Fund	**	1,526,488
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 K	Mutual Fund	**	1,431,518
	Self-directed brokerage accounts	Self-directed Brokerage Accounts	**	1,422,608
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 K	Mutual Fund	**	1,333,624
	Artisan Mid Cap	Mutual Fund	**	1,186,856
*	Fidelity Retirement Money Market	Money Market Fund	**	1,179,175
*	Fidelity Diversified International	Mutual Fund	**	1,160,066
	Invesco Growth & Income A	Mutual Fund	**	1,024,253
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 K	Mutual Fund	**	699,293
*	Fidelity High Income	Mutual Fund	**	594,073
	Western Asset Core Bond Institutional	Mutual Fund	**	565,755
*	Fidelity Low Priced Stock	Mutual Fund	**	551,633
	Allspring Government Securities Fund - Class A	Mutual Fund	**	540,807
	John Hancock III Disciplined Value Mid Cap	Mutual Fund	**	516,434
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 K	Mutual Fund	**	490,016
*	Glenmede Quantitative U.S. Large Cap Core Equity Portfolio	Mutual Fund	**	477,045
*	Fidelity Freedom 2010 K	Mutual Fund	**	397,900
	PIMCO Real Return Fund Administrative Class	Mutual Fund	**	372,565
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 K	Mutual Fund	**	365,625
	ABF Small Cap Value Fund Y	Mutual Fund	**	312,470
*	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund Premium Class	Mutual Fund	**	270,135
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060 K	Mutual Fund	**	173,467
	Oppenheimer International Growth Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	149,584
*	Fidelity Freedom Income K	Mutual Fund	**	144,101
*	Fidelity International Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	138,117
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund Premium Class	Mutual Fund	**	121,513
	Natixis Funds Trust IV AEW Real Estate Class	Mutual Fund	**	99,701
*	Fidelity Freedom 2065 K	Mutual Fund	**	17,095
*	Fidelity Freedom 2005 K	Mutual Fund	**	844
				<u>38,494,164</u>
	Notes receivable from plan participants, interest rates between			
*	4.25% and 6.50% maturing through 2030		**	<u>487,964</u>
	Total assets held			<u>\$ 38,982,128</u>

* Party-in-interest to the Plan as defined by ERISA.

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and therefore it is not included.

See independent auditor's report.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees
South Shore Bank 401(k) Plan
Weymouth, Massachusetts

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of South Shore Bank 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021 and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan ("investment information") by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section -

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplemental Information Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H - Line 4i - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2021 and supplemental Schedule H - Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion-

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Braintree, Massachusetts
August 16, 2022

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

ASSETS

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$ 35,892,381	\$ 30,653,905
Money market fund	1,179,175	1,531,294
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>1,422,608</u>	<u>2,066,243</u>
	38,494,164	34,251,442
Notes receivable from participants	<u>487,964</u>	<u>424,559</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 38,982,128</u>	<u>\$ 34,676,001</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment income:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments \$ 1,981,449

Interest and dividend income 3,112,040

5,093,489

Interest income on notes receivable from participants 25,106

Contributions:

Participant 1,203,400

Employer 1,046,158

Participant rollovers 9,472

2,259,030

Total additions 7,377,625

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants 3,066,470

Administrative expenses 5,028

Total deductions 3,071,498

Net increase in assets available for benefits 4,306,127

Net assets available for benefits - beginning of year 34,676,001

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - END OF YEAR **\$ 38,982,128**

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the South Shore Bank 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of South Shore Bank (the "Bank") who have completed at least three months of service and are eighteen years of age or older. An employee becomes a participant in the Plan upon satisfying the service requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute to the Plan a percentage of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, up to the maximum allowable under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans ("rollover"). Participants who are age 50 or older by the end of the taxable year are permitted to make additional, catch-up contributions. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan also allows participants to make Roth 401(k) contributions, subject to certain IRC limits.

The Plan is a safe harbor plan. The Bank's contributions to the Plan are determined by its board of directors, and are designed to meet the requirements of a safe harbor plan. However, the amounts contributed cannot exceed the maximum amounts allowable under the provisions of the IRC. Salary-deferred contributions from eligible participants are matched by the Bank up to 5.00%. The Bank can also make nondiscretionary contributions to the Plan to be allocated to non-highly compensated employees.

The Company contributes safe harbor contributions in an amount equal to 3.00% of any eligible participant's compensation, regardless of whether the eligible participant contributes to the Plan. Employer safe harbor matching contributions are subject to certain limitations under the IRC.

Effective January 1, 2020, the Plan was amended to elect automatic enrollment contributions at 4.00% for newly hired employees after the eligibility requirements are met. Additionally, the plan elected automatic escalation for these newly eligible employees. On the anniversary of employee hire date, participant deferral elections are automatically increased by 1.00%, for a maximum auto escalation of 10.00%.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Bank's matching and safe harbor contributions, and allocations of the Bank's non-discretionary contribution, and Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their salary-deferred contributions, safe harbor contributions, and the Bank's non-discretionary contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Bank's matching and discretionary contributions and earnings thereon is based on continuous service, and vest according to the following schedules:

Participants hired prior to January 1, 2018 are fully vested after three years of service as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Interest</u>
Less than 1 year	33%
2 years	67%
3 years	100%

Participants hired after January 1, 2018 are fully vested after six years of service as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Interest</u>
Less than 1 year	0%
1 year	0%
2 years	20%
3 years	40%
4 years	60%
5 years	80%
6 years	100%

A participant's interest in their account shall become fully vested if employment terminates due to death, disability or normal retirement age.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow against their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50 percent of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000. Participants may have two outstanding loans at one time. The maximum term of any loan is 5 years, except to acquire a principal residence, in which case the term is 10 years. The notes receivable are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with prevailing market rates, as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or normal retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or annual installments over a period not to exceed the life expectancy of the participant or applied to the purchase of an annuity contract. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

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NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Hardship Withdrawals

A participant may withdraw a portion of his or her vested balance to meet specific heavy financial needs as defined by the IRC, subject to certain limitations outlined in the Plan.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures represent the non-vested portion of withdrawing participants' account balances. Forfeited amounts are used to pay administrative expenses and reduce employer contributions. Forfeiture balances were \$16,212 and \$33,151 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. In 2021, forfeitures of \$34,399 were used to reduce employer matching contribution or to pay administrative expenses.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and changes in net assets available for benefits during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are held with Fidelity Management Trust Company, the trustee and third-party administrator of the Plan, and are invested in various mutual funds, a money market fund and self-directed brokerage accounts at the participant's direction.

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisors and custodian.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Fair Value Measurements

The Plan records, on a recurring basis, the fair value of its investments. U.S. GAAP defines fair value and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) measurements and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3) measurements.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
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FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020**

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurement (continued)

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

- **Level 1** - Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- **Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as (1) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, (2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, (3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, (4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of asset or liability.
- **Level 3** – Unobservable inputs based on the Plan's assessment of the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value, as well as the general classification pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There are no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Mutual Funds and Money Market Fund – The fair value of mutual funds and the money market fund are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds and the money market fund are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds and the money market fund held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Self-directed Brokerage Accounts – Fair values of investments in the self-directed brokerage accounts, including mutual funds, common stock, and money market funds are determined by quoted active-market prices or net asset values where available. The type of investments included in the self-directed brokerage accounts are deemed to be actively traded and are classified as Level 1 investments.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan administrator believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of the certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Payment of Benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed as they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

If a participant fails to make a payment when a loan is due under the terms of the loan, that participant will be in default. In the event of default, the loan shall become due and payable immediately, and interest will continue to accrue until the entire loan balance is repaid. The Plan will take all reasonable actions to collect the balance owed on the loan. Under certain circumstances, the loan in default could be considered a distribution from the Plan and could be considered income to the participant. In any event, failure to repay a loan will reduce the benefit to which a participant would otherwise be entitled from the Plan.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Bank and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated all subsequent events through August 16, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no subsequent events that require disclosure under the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 855 *Subsequent Events*.

NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 35,892,381	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,892,381
Money market fund	1,179,175	-	-	1,179,175
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>1,422,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,422,608</u>
Total	<u>\$ 38,494,164</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,494,164</u>

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NOTE 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 30,653,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,653,905
Money market fund	1,531,294	-	-	1,531,294
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>2,066,243</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,066,243</u>
Total	<u>\$ 34,251,442</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 34,251,442</u>

NOTE 4. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY TRUSTEE

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's ("DOL's") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company has certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reflected in the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Schedule H, Line 4 (i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2021, and the related investment activity reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

NOTE 5. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY IN INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by Fidelity Workplace Services LLC. Fidelity Management Trust Company is the trustee as defined by the Plan. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants are also party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. The plan sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

NOTE 6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any interest to do so, the Bank has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in their accounts.

**SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 7. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Plan by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax asset or liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of an asset or liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

During 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to constitute a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern". The pandemic has disrupted economic markets and the financial impact, duration and spread of the COVID-19 virus is uncertain at this time. The financial performance of the Plan's investments may be impacted by the market's response to the uncertainty of the situation, however the duration of disruption and related financial impact cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

NOTE 9. RECONCILIATION WITH FORM 5500

Schedule H, Part I and II of Form 5500 are in substantial agreement with the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2021, and there are no reconciling items.

NOTE 10. LATE TRANSMITTAL

During the Plan year ended December 31, 2021, certain participant contributions and loan repayments in the amount of \$57,830 were not remitted within the appropriate time period by the Plan Sponsor. These transactions constitute prohibited transactions as defined by ERISA. The late remittance and lost earnings were corrected outside of the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program (VFCP) in July 2021.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
EIN: 04-1963710
PLAN NO: 001

Participant contributions Transferred late to the plan Check here if late participant Loan repayments are included ☒		Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
Year	Amount	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
2021	\$ 57,830	\$ -	\$ 57,830	\$ -	\$ -

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SOUTH SHORE BANK 401(k) PLAN
SCHEDULE H - LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2021
EIN: 04-1963710
PLAN NUMBER: 002

(A)	(B) Identity of Issue	(C) Description of Investment	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Fidelity 500 Index	Mutual Fund	**	\$ 4,900,600
*	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	Mutual Fund	**	4,233,765
*	Fidelity Freedom 2030 K	Mutual Fund	**	3,693,225
*	Fidelity Freedom 2020 K	Mutual Fund	**	3,518,999
*	Fidelity Freedom 2025 K	Mutual Fund	**	2,597,732
	Baron Growth Fund Institutional	Mutual Fund	**	2,287,082
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 K	Mutual Fund	**	1,526,488
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 K	Mutual Fund	**	1,431,518
	Self-directed brokerage accounts	Self-directed Brokerage Accounts	**	1,422,608
*	Fidelity Freedom 2045 K	Mutual Fund	**	1,333,624
	Artisan Mid Cap	Mutual Fund	**	1,186,856
*	Fidelity Retirement Money Market	Money Market Fund	**	1,179,175
*	Fidelity Diversified International	Mutual Fund	**	1,160,066
	Invesco Growth & Income A	Mutual Fund	**	1,024,253
*	Fidelity Freedom 2050 K	Mutual Fund	**	699,293
*	Fidelity High Income	Mutual Fund	**	594,073
	Western Asset Core Bond Institutional	Mutual Fund	**	565,755
*	Fidelity Low Priced Stock	Mutual Fund	**	551,633
	Allspring Government Securities Fund - Class A	Mutual Fund	**	540,807
	John Hancock III Disciplined Value Mid Cap	Mutual Fund	**	516,434
*	Fidelity Freedom 2055 K	Mutual Fund	**	490,016
*	Glenmede Quantitative U.S. Large Cap Core Equity Portfolio	Mutual Fund	**	477,045
*	Fidelity Freedom 2010 K	Mutual Fund	**	397,900
	PIMCO Real Return Fund Administrative Class	Mutual Fund	**	372,565
*	Fidelity Freedom 2015 K	Mutual Fund	**	365,625
	ABF Small Cap Value Fund Y	Mutual Fund	**	312,470
*	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund Premium Class	Mutual Fund	**	270,135
*	Fidelity Freedom 2060 K	Mutual Fund	**	173,467
	Oppenheimer International Growth Fund Class A	Mutual Fund	**	149,584
*	Fidelity Freedom Income K	Mutual Fund	**	144,101
*	Fidelity International Index Fund	Mutual Fund	**	138,117
*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund Premium Class	Mutual Fund	**	121,513
	Natixis Funds Trust IV AEW Real Estate Class	Mutual Fund	**	99,701
*	Fidelity Freedom 2065 K	Mutual Fund	**	17,095
*	Fidelity Freedom 2005 K	Mutual Fund	**	844
				<u>38,494,164</u>
	Notes receivable from plan participants, interest rates between			
*	4.25% and 6.50% maturing through 2030		**	<u>487,964</u>
	Total assets held			<u>\$ 38,982,128</u>

* Party-in-interest to the Plan as defined by ERISA.

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments and therefore it is not included.

See independent auditor's report.