

Form 5500-SF Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed 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-SF.		OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 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					
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D 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 THE CLEARING 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN				1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
				1c Effective date of plan	01/01/2010
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) THE CLEARING, INC. 1250 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW SUITE 625 WASHINGTON, DC 20036				2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)	26-1287688
				2c Sponsor's telephone number	202-558-6499
				2d Business code (see instructions)	541600
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	
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b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year				5b	146
c Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)				5c	128
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year				5d(1)	91
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e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested				5e	1
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SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2022	TARA CARCILLO		
	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		
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- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	6289629	8530898
b Total plan liabilities	7b	2238	2787
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	6287391	8528111
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	378996	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	817140	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	31866	
b Other income (loss)	8b	1117592	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		2345594
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	59791	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	45083	
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		104874
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		2240720
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristics

- 9a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
2E 2J 2K 2F 2G 3D
- b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

Part V Compliance Questions

10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		1000000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e	X		25165
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g	X		31504
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 12 below.....	☐ Yes ☐ No
a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 11a	
b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, 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 _____	

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.	☐ Yes ☒ No
a 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	
If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.	
b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	12b
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	12c
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	12d
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?	☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year.....	13a
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐ Yes ☒ No
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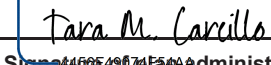
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SIGN HERE			Tara Carcillo
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	10/14/2022
SIGN HERE			Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
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b Total plan liabilities	7b	2,238	2,787
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	6,287,391	8,528,111
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
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(1) Employers	8a(1)	378,996	
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b Other income (loss)	8b	1,117,592	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		2,345,594
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	59,791	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	45,083	
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		104,874
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		2,240,720
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Authorization for Retirement Benefit Solutions to Electronically Sign and File Form 5500

Please sign and return this Form to Retirement Benefit Solutions

Plan Name: The Clearing, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Plan Year Ending: 12/31/2021

I hereby authorize Retirement Benefit Solutions to electronically sign and file the Form 5500 forms on my behalf.

I further understand the following:

- I must sign and date a paper copy of the completed Form 5500;
- Retirement Benefit Solutions must receive the signed paper copy prior to submitting the Form 5500 filing;
- An image of my signature will be included with the rest of the return/report posted by the Department of Labor on the internet for public disclosure; and
- This authorization applies only to the filing for the plan name and plan year specified above.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including all applicable schedules, 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.

DocuSigned by:
Employer/Plan Sponsor Signature: Tara M. Carcillo **Date:** 10/14/2022
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Printed Name of Employer/Plan Sponsor: Tara M. Carcillo