

**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

**2022**

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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 06/06/2022

- A** This return/report is for:
  - a multiemployer plan
  - a single-employer plan
  - a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
  - a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- B** This return/report is:
  - the first return/report
  - an amended return/report
  - the final 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

<b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u>
<b>2a</b> 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>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC</u>  <u>304 HERITAGE DRIVE, SUITE 1</u> <u>OXFORD, MS 38655</u>	<b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2015</u>  <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-4330778</u>  <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>866-769-7855</u>  <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>541511</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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/19/2023	SARAH SNOWDEN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b> 248
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).	
<b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....	<b>6a(1)</b> 29
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b> 0
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....	<b>6b</b> 0
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....	<b>6c</b> 0
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....	<b>6d</b> 0
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....	<b>6e</b> 0
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....	<b>6f</b> 0
<b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....	<b>6g</b> 0
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6h</b> 0
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>
<b>8a</b> 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 2S 2T 3D 3H	
<b>b</b> If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
<b>10</b> Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
<b>a Pension Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	<b>b General Schedules</b> (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <sup>1</sup> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information) (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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**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.

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

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**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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<p><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p><b>2022</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2022** and ending **06/06/2022**

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><b>001</b></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>46-4330778</b></p>	

**Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
**MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
41-0417830	66168	068520	0	01/01/2022	06/06/2022

**2 Insurance fee and commission information.** Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**  
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end.....	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	0

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

<b>b</b> Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount..... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>	

**e** Type of contract: (1)  individual policies (2)  group deferred annuity  
 (3)  other (specify) ▶

**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

**a** Type of contract: (1)  deposit administration (2)  immediate participation guarantee  
 (3)  guaranteed investment (4)  other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b** 51901

<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>		
(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b>		
(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b>		
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	<b>7c(4)</b>	305	
(5) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7c(5)</b>		

(6) Total additions..... **7c(6)** 305

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)..... **7d** 52206

**e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	50597	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b>	131	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	<b>7e(3)</b>		
(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>	1478	

▶ MISC DEBITS

(5) Total deductions..... **7e(5)** 52206

**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 0

**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**  
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

- 8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)
- |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Health (other than dental or vision)         | <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Dental               | <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Vision                    | <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance     |
| <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary disability (accident and sickness) | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term disability | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental unemployment | <b>h</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drug  |
| <b>i</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Stop loss (large deductible)                 | <b>j</b> <input type="checkbox"/> HMO contract         | <b>k</b> <input type="checkbox"/> PPO contract              | <b>l</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Indemnity contract |
| <b>m</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) ▶                            |  |   |  |

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b> Premiums: (1) Amount received .....	<b>9a(1)</b>		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....	<b>9a(2)</b>		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve.....	<b>9a(3)</b>		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		<b>9a(4)</b>	
<b>b</b> Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	<b>9b(1)</b>		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....	<b>9b(2)</b>		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		<b>9b(3)</b>	
(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>	
<b>c</b> Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>		
(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs.....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>		
(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>		
(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>		
(G) Other retention charges.....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>		
(H) Total retention.....		<b>9c(1)(H)</b>	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.).....		<b>9c(2)</b>	
<b>d</b> Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement.....		<b>9d(1)</b>	
(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>	
(3) Other reserves .....		<b>9d(3)</b>	
<b>e</b> Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).).....		<b>9e</b>	
<b>10</b> Nonexperience-rated contracts:			
<b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....		<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount .....		<b>10b</b>	
Specify nature of costs.			

**Part IV Provision of Information**

- 11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? .....  Yes  No
- 12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2022</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-4330778</u>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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)

MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

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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?
13 15 28 34 38 64 65 50 52 37	NONE	8538	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

(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?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

(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?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2022</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 06/06/2022

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
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<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-4330778</u>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SECURIAN AM S&P 500 INDEX

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>41-0417830-011</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DELAWARE IVY SECURIAN R1 E S Y

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>41-0417830-036</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DELAWARE IVY SCIENCE AND TCH A

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>41-0417830-065</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DODGE & COX INTL STOCK FUND

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>41-0417830-102</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA US LARGE CAP VALUE PORT

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>41-0417830-105</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VGD EXTENDED MKT IDX ADM

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>41-0417830-112</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD INTERM BOND IDX ADM

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>41-0417830-113</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>NUB BRN SUSTNBL EQ INSTL</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-134</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>INVESCO SMALL CAPVALUE Y</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-151</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD TOT BOND MKT IDX ADM</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-154</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>DODGE &amp; COX INCOME FUND</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-156</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD SMALL-CAP IDX ADM</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-178</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>AMERICAN CENTURY MID CP VAL R6</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-192</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>T. ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCIENCES</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-196</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>JANUS HENDERSON TRITON N</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-223</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>VANGUARD EMERG MKT STK IND ADM</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-226</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>HOTCHKIS &amp; WILEY HIGH YIELD I</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>41-0417830-232</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LAZARD INTERNATIONAL ST EQ INS

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 41-0417830-235	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: GW&K SMALL CAP GROWTH

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 41-0417830-238	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MSF MID CAP GROWTH

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 41-0417830-783	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TIAA-CREF INTL EQ IDX INSTL

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 41-0417830-788	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MASTER SEPARATE ACCOUNT

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 41-0417830-900	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Financial Information</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2022</p> <hr/> <p style="font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2022</b> and ending <b>06/06/2022</b>	
<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>46-4330778</b></p>

**Part I Asset and Liability Statement**

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

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	7915077	0
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	7915077	0

**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.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		0
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	305	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		305
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(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)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)		-1320269
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		-1478
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d		-1321442
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	6585097	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	2e(2)		
(3) Other .....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		6585097
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	8538	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees .....	2i(3)		
(4) Other .....	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		8538
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j		6593635
<b>Net Income and Reconciliation</b>			
<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-7915077
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

**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: **SZYMKOWIAK & ASSOCIATES CPAS, PC**

(2) EIN: **16-1600045**

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	

		Yes	No	Amount
<b>b</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.).....	<b>4b</b>		X	
<b>c</b> 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.) .....	<b>4c</b>		X	
<b>d</b> 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.).....	<b>4d</b>		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	<b>4e</b>	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....	<b>4f</b>		X	
<b>g</b> 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? .....	<b>4g</b>		X	
<b>h</b> 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?.....	<b>4h</b>		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	<b>4i</b>		X	
<b>j</b> 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.).....	<b>4j</b>		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....	<b>4k</b>	X		
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....	<b>4l</b>		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....	<b>4m</b>	X		
<b>n</b> 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. ....	<b>4n</b>	X		

**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 0.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2022</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 06/06/2022

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NEXT GEAR SOLUTIONS, LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-4330778</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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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	0
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**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): 41-0417830

**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..... 

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (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.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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).....	<b>6c</b>	

**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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (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

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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:

<b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) .....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14c</b>	

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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.....	<b>16b</b>	

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Gear Solutions, LLC  
Retirement Savings Plan**

**Financial Statements**

**June 6, 2022 and December 31, 2021**

**Next Gear Solutions, LLC**  
**Retirement Savings Plan**  
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Supplemental schedules required by 29 CFR Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Administrative Committee of  
the Next Gear Solutions, LLC Retirement Savings Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Next Gear Solutions, LLC Retirement Savings 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of June 6, 2022 (in liquidation), and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period then ended (in liquidation), and the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021 (ongoing), 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 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 June 6, 2022 and December 31, 2021, and for the period ended June 6, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statement, 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 ("U.S. GAAP").

- 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.

### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the governing body of the Plan approved a plan of liquidation in September 2021, and management determined liquidation is imminent. As a result, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting from the going concern basis used in presenting the 2021 financial statements to the liquidation basis used in presenting the 2022 financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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 participant.

### **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 U.S. GAAP.

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 U.S. GAAP.

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.

*Symonides + Associates, CPAs*

Williamsville, New York  
April 18, 2023

**Next Gear Solutions, LLC**  
**Retirement Savings Plan**  
*Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits*  
*June 6, 2022 (in liquidation) and December 31, 2021 (ongoing)*

	2022	2021
<i><b>Investments at Fair Value</b></i>		
Pooled separate accounts	\$ -	\$ 7,863,176
<i><b>Investments at Contract Value</b></i>		
Guaranteed investment contracts	-	51,901
Net assets available for benefits	\$ -	\$ 7,915,077

*See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.*

**Next Gear Solutions, LLC**  
**Retirement Savings Plan**

*Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits  
for the period from January 1, 2022 to June 6, 2022 (in liquidation)*

Investment loss:		
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	\$	(1,321,747)
Interest income		<u>305</u>
Total investment loss		(1,321,442)
Benefits paid to participants		(6,585,097)
Administrative expenses		<u>(8,538)</u>
Net decrease		(7,915,077)
<b><i>Net Assets Available for Benefits</i></b>		
Beginning of year		<u>7,915,077</u>
End of year	\$	<u><u>-</u></u>

*See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.*

**Next Gear Solutions, LLC**  
**Retirement Savings Plan**  
*Notes to Financial Statements*  
*June 6, 2022 and December 31, 2021*

**1. Description of the Plan**

The following brief description of the Next Gear Solutions, LLC Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. For more complete information, participants should refer to the plan agreement.

**General** – The Plan was established on January 1, 2015 and was sponsored by Next Gear Solutions, LLC (the "Company"). The Plan was a contributory defined contribution plan that covered substantially all employees of the Company. The Plan was subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

The governing body of the Plan approved a plan of liquidation in September 2021, and management determined liquidation was imminent. Final distributions were determined based on all participants being 100% vested, and no further contributions were made to the Plan after the termination date. The Plan continued to be administered in accordance with the terms of the Plan until all Plan assets were distributed as of June 6, 2022. As a result, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting from the going concern basis used in presenting the 2021 financial statements to the liquidation basis used in presenting the 2022 financial statements.

**Eligibility** – Employees became eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the month following the completion of 250 hours of service within the first three consecutive months of employment and attainment of 18 years of age. Employees were automatically enrolled in the Plan at the time they became eligible, unless they submitted a signed form to opt out of participation.

**Contributions** – Contributions to the Plan were made by the participants through salary deferrals and by the Company through employer safe harbor matching contributions. Participants could elect to contribute a specific dollar amount or a specific percentage of their compensation subject to certain limitations under Sections 401(k) and 415 of the Internal Revenue Code. Participants who were age 50 and over were able to contribute an additional amount as a catch-up contribution allowed under Section 414(v). The Company would match 100% of the first 1% contributed by the employee and 50% of the next 5% contributed by the employee, for a maximum match of 3.5% of compensation.

**Next Gear Solutions, LLC**  
**Retirement Savings Plan**  
*Notes to Financial Statements (continued)*  
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**1. Description of the Plan (continued)**

***Participant Accounts*** – Individual accounts were maintained for each plan participant. Participant accounts were increased by participant contributions, Company contributions, and the participant’s share of any plan earnings. Participant accounts were decreased by participant distributions and the participant’s share of any plan expenses and losses. The allocation of earnings and losses to participant accounts was based on procedures set forth in the plan document. Upon death, disability, retirement or termination of employment, the vested benefits of a participant were calculated based on the valuation of their account at the date of distribution.

***Investment Allocation*** – Contributions were allocated to any combination of various investment securities, as directed by the participants.

***Vesting*** – Participants were fully vested immediately in their and the Company's contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

***Payment of Benefits and Withdrawals*** – Withdrawals during employment from participant accounts were limited to death, disability, normal retirement, termination of employment, and financial hardship, as defined by the Plan, and represented taxable distributions to the participant. The Plan provided certain elections for participants under which they could defer receiving distributions from the Plan.

***Notes Receivable from Participants*** – The Plan did not provide for loans to participants.

***Income Taxes*** – The prototype plan sponsor, Minnesota Life Insurance Company (“Minnesota Life”), had obtained an opinion letter dated March 31, 2014 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the prototype plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Plan had been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator and the Plan’s tax counsel believed that the Plan was designed and operated in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision had been recorded for income taxes.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) required plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan had taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authorities. The Plan was subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**Next Gear Solutions, LLC**  
**Retirement Savings Plan**  
*Notes to Financial Statements (continued)*  
*June 6, 2022 and December 31, 2021*

**2. Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Accounting*** – The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the liquidation basis in 2022 and the going concern basis in 2021.

***Valuation of Investments*** – Investments were reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which were reported at the amount of expected cash proceeds as of December 31, 2021 using the liquidation basis of accounting. Fair value is the amount 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. See Note 3 for further discussion of fair value measurements.

Contract value was the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, as contract value was the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. See Note 5 for further discussion of fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contracts.

***Investment Income*** – Net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments includes both realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation on the fair value of investments. Interest income is recognized as earned. Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date.

***Benefit Payments*** – Benefits are recorded when paid.

***Party-in-Interest Transactions*** – Certain plan investments are shares of pooled separate accounts and guaranteed investment contracts managed by Minnesota Life, the recordkeeper, and accordingly qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

***Expenses*** – In 2022, the necessary expenses to administer the Plan were paid primarily by the Plan. Expenses paid by the Plan included distribution fees and certain other administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets in liquidation available for benefits. These transactions are allowable party-in-interest transactions.

***Management Estimates*** – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of net assets available for benefits, changes therein and disclosure of contingent net assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Next Gear Solutions, LLC**  
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**2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Risks and Uncertainties** – The Plan invested 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 would have occurred in the near term and that such changes could have materially affected the balances of participant accounts and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets in liquidation available for benefits.

**Subsequent Events** – The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through April 18, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No events or transactions occurred or are pending through this date which would have a material effect on or require disclosure in the financial statements.

**3. Fair Value Measurements**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 are described as follows:

**Level 1** – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

**Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly such as:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

**Level 3** – Inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability.

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**3. Fair Value Measurements (continued)**

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of June 6, 2022 and December 31, 2021.

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, based on the following methodologies.

*Pooled Separate Accounts* – Valued using the observable net asset value of the underlying mutual fund investments determined by publicly quoted pricing inputs, some of which were obtained from pricing services. Accordingly, these investments have been included in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$ _____ -	\$ <u>7,863,176</u>	\$ _____ -	\$ <u>7,863,176</u>
Investments at fair value	\$ _____ -	\$ <u>7,863,176</u>	\$ _____ -	\$ <u>7,863,176</u>

***Transfers between Levels***

The Plan does not have any Level 3 investments. There were no transfers of investments into or out of Level 3 during the period ended June 6, 2022.

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**4. Unaudited Information Certified by the Recordkeeper**

The following information related to investments held at June 6, 2022 and December 31, 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Minnesota Life (the recordkeeper of the Plan).

	2022	-	2021
Securian AM S&P 500 Index Fund	\$		\$ 3,747,182
Vanguard Extended Mkt Index Admiral Fund		-	1,021,426
TIAA-CREF International Eq Index Instl Fund		-	987,507
T. Rowe Price Large Cap Growth Fund		-	452,397
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral Fund		-	435,675
Vanguard Interm-Term Bond Index Admiral Fund		-	422,000
Delaware Ivy Science and Technology A Fund		-	176,637
T. Rowe Price Health Sciences Fund		-	164,215
Alger Capital Appreciation Instl I Fund		-	78,246
DFA US Large Cap Value I Fund		-	55,610
Minnesota Life Guaranteed Return Account		-	51,901
Vanguard Emerging Markets Stock Index Admiral Fund		-	43,168
MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund		-	41,693
Dodge & Cox Income Fund		-	38,284
Dodge & Cox Intl Stock Fund		-	37,336
Vanguard Small Cap Index Admiral Fund		-	34,112
GW&K Small Cap Growth Fund		-	32,109
American Century Mid Cap Value R6 Fund		-	27,656
Invesco Small Cap Value Y Fund		-	25,163
Columbia Dividend Opportunity Adv Fund		-	10,756
Janus Henderson Triton N Fund		-	10,449
Neuberger Berman Sustainable Equity Instl Fund		-	7,247
Hotchkis & Wiley High Yield I Fund		-	6,238
Delaware Ivy Securian Real Estate Sec Y Fund		-	6,078
Lazard International Strategic Equity Instl Fund		-	1,992
			7,915,077
	\$	-	\$ <u>7,915,077</u>

Additionally, the investment income reported on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits (in liquidation) was certified by Minnesota Life.

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**5. Fully Benefit-Responsive Guaranteed Investment Contract**

The Plan maintained a fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Minnesota Life. Minnesota Life maintained the contributions in a general account. The account was credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The Guaranteed Return Account issuer was contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that was guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting interest rate was based on a formula agreed upon with the issuer, but could not be less than 3%. Such interest rates were generally reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting.

The Guaranteed Return Account met the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore was reported at contract value. Contract value was the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this was the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Minnesota Life, represented contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants could ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due was dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations could be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Generally, there were not any events that could limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value. In addition, generally, there were not any events that allowed the issuer to terminate the contract and settle at an amount different than contract value.