

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 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☐ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a Name of plan <u>NORTHWEST BANK 401(K) PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
1c Effective date of plan <u>07/01/1991</u>		
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>NORTHWEST BANK</u> <u>100 LIBERTY STREET</u> <u>PO BOX 128</u> <u>WARREN, PA 16365</u>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>23-2790930</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>888-588-3053</u>
	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522120</u>	

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	<u>06/22/2023</u>	<u>AUTUMN HIGHHOUSE</u>
	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
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN
		3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 3702
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year		6a(1) 2428
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2) 2207
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits		6b 0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....		6c 1276
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d 3483
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e 3
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f 3486
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....		6g 3050
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....		6h 1
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 2O		
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)		
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☐ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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 _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2022
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan NORTHWEST BANK 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTHWEST BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-2790930	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
MID-ATLANTIC TRUST COMPANY
27-3169253

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
21 25	NONE	153981	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 37 38	NONE	88847	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(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 ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan NORTHWEST BANK 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTHWEST BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-2790930	

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
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....		1a 29512	68543
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....		1b(1)	
(2) Participant contributions.....		1b(2)	
(3) Other.....		1b(3)	
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....		1c(1) 6631989	9670655
(2) U.S. Government securities		1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other		1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred		1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common.....		1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests		1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)		1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....		1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans.....		1c(8) 3555848	3525435
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....		1c(9)	
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts		1c(10)	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....		1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities		1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....		1c(13) 210145068	163743807
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....		1c(14)	
(15) Other		1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	70201172	66134301
(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	290563589	243142741

Liabilities

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

Net Assets

l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	290563589	243142741
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Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	4004244	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	9525241	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1292300	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		14821785
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	156276	
(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)	150577	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		306853
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	593884	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	8732737	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		9326621
(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)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	3015341	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		3015341

		(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)		
(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)		-45870107
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-18399507
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	28778513	
(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)		28778513
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	242828	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		242828
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		29021341
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-47420848
l 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: **BAKER TILLY US LLP**

(2) EIN: **39-0859910**

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 Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		10000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022		
A Name of plan NORTHWEST BANK 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTHWEST BANK		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-2790930
Part I Distributions		
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 27-3169253		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....		3
Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)		
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III Amendments		
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		
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.		
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2022 v. 220413		

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 _____

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(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:		
	a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
	b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
	c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15	Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
	a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	15a	
	b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	15b	
16	Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
	a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
	b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b	
17	If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐		

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

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Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2022 and 2021

(With Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Thereon)

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of
Northwest Bank 401(k) Plan

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Northwest Bank 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Auditors' 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 audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 auditors' 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.

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2022 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 21, 2023

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Assets:		
Noninterest-bearing cash	\$ 68,543	29,512
Investments at fair value	239,548,763	286,978,229
Notes receivable from participants	3,525,435	3,555,848
Total assets	243,142,741	290,563,589
Liabilities:		
Due to brokers	—	—
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 243,142,741</u>	<u>290,563,589</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Years ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Net (depreciation)/appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (42,854,766)	18,353,356
Dividends and interest	9,482,897	17,603,365
Net investment (loss)/income	(33,371,869)	35,956,721
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	150,577	160,631
Contributions:		
Employer (net of forfeitures)	4,004,244	4,172,043
Participants	9,525,241	9,912,161
Rollovers	1,292,300	2,262,133
Total contributions	14,821,785	16,346,337
Total additions	(18,399,507)	52,463,689
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefit payments to participants	29,021,341	57,641,197
Net decrease prior to transfers	(47,420,848)	(5,177,508)
Transfer from MutualBank Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan	—	38,937,911
Transfer from Sundahl & Co., Inc. Profit Sharing Plan	—	499,874
Total transfers	—	39,437,785
Net (decrease)/increase	(47,420,848)	34,260,277
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	290,563,589	256,303,312
End of year	<u>\$ 243,142,741</u>	<u>290,563,589</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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(1) Description of the Plan

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

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan of Northwest Bank (the "Bank" or the "Plan Sponsor"), a subsidiary of Northwest Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company"), a Maryland corporation. The Company is a bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Effective February 8, 2021, the Mid Atlantic Trust Company became the named trustee of the Plan (the "Trustee") and is responsible for oversight of the Plan. Prior to that date, the Northwest Bank Trust Department was the named trustee of the Plan. The Investment Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance and reports to the Trustee of the Plan. Full-time and part-time employees, who are 21 or older, are eligible to contribute to the Plan as soon as administratively possible upon employment. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). All Northwest Bancshares, Inc. shares held within this plan are allocated shares.

On April 24, 2020, the Company completed the merger with MutualFirst Financial Inc., the holding company for MutualBank (collectively referred to as "MutualBank"). At that time, employees previously eligible to participate in the MutualBank Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan (the "MutualBank Plan") became fully-vested participants in the Plan with prior service counted towards eligibility criteria of the Plan. During 2021, the MutualBank Plan net assets available for benefits of approximately \$39.0 million were transferred into the Plan.

On December 1, 2019, Northwest Insurance Services, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, completed the merger with Sundahl & Co., Inc. ("Sundahl"). At that time, employees previously eligible to participate in the Sundahl & Co., Inc. Profit Sharing Plan (the "Sundahl Plan") became fully-vested participants in the Plan with prior service counted towards eligibility criteria of the Plan. During 2021, the Sundahl Plan net assets available for benefits of approximately \$500,000 were transferred into the Plan.

(b) Contributions

Each year, participants may voluntarily contribute up to the maximum percentage of compensation and dollar amount limits as allowed under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") Section 402(g), not to exceed certain annual limitations established by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") (\$20,500 for 2022 and \$19,500 for 2021). Participants of the Plan who are or will be 50 years old by the Plan year-end may elect to defer a catch-up contribution in excess of this limit. The maximum catch-up contribution allowable by the IRS was \$6,500 for 2022 and 2021. Participants may designate all or a portion of their deferral contributions as after-tax contributions into a Roth account. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified retirement plans (rollovers). Participant contributions to the Plan are recorded in the period that payroll deductions are made from the participant. Participants direct the investment of all contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants can elect to have any Company common stock dividends paid out to them in cash or have them automatically reinvested in the Company's common stock. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, \$593,884 and \$669,212 in dividends from Company common stock were paid to participants in cash, respectively.

Participants are eligible to receive employer matching contributions once they have completed 1,000 hours and one year of service (see also Note 8). A year of service is defined as 12 consecutive months with at least 1,000 hours of service. The Bank matches 100% of the first 4% of the eligible bi-weekly compensation that an eligible participant contributes to the Plan. Additional amounts may be contributed at the option of the Plan's Administrative Committee. To be eligible for the discretionary contribution, participants must complete 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year (see also Note 8). No discretionary contributions were made for 2022 or 2021. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

(c) Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocations of the Bank's matching and discretionary contributions and Plan earnings. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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(d) Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. As of January 1, 2017, participants became fully vested in the Bank's matching and discretionary contributions plus earnings thereon. Participants become fully vested in Bank contributions made prior to 2017 after six years of continuous services at a graded rate of 20% per year beginning in year two.

(e) Benefit Payments

Upon termination of service, permanent disability, retirement, or death, a participant may receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account.

Active participants may apply for a hardship withdrawal for the purchase of the participant's principal residence, to pay tuition or related post-secondary educational expenses, to pay certain medical or funeral expenses, or to prevent eviction from or foreclosure on the participant's principal residence. At any time, active participants may elect to withdraw all or a portion of their rollover contributions or contributions transferred from a separate qualified plan. In addition, the Plan permits in-service distributions for employees who have attained age 59 1/2.

(f) Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants are permitted to borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of 50% of their vested balance or \$50,000. The loans are secured by the balances in the participant's account and bear interest at a fixed rate of the Bank's published prime rate plus 1% at the time the loan was originated (3.50% to 8.50% at December 31, 2022). All loans are subject to specified repayment terms and must be repaid within a five-year period. Each participant may be eligible to take up to two loans at a time. At December 31, 2022 and 2021, notes receivable from participants totaled \$3,525,435 and \$3,555,848, respectively.

(g) Forfeitures

Forfeited non-vested account balances are used to reduce Bank contributions or pay Plan expenses. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the forfeited balances available were not significant. Forfeitures used to offset Bank contributions were \$30,482 and \$25,589 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. No forfeitures were used to offset Plan expenses for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

(h) Employer Stock Account

Voting rights with respect to Qualifying Employer Securities will be passed through to Participants. Participants will be allowed to direct the voting rights of Qualifying Employer Securities for any matter put to the vote of shareholders. Before each meeting of shareholders, the Company shall cause to be sent to each person with power to control such voting rights a copy of any notice and any other information provided to shareholders and, if applicable, a form for instructing the Trustee how to vote at such meeting (or any adjournment thereof) the number of full and fractional shares subject to such person's voting control. The Trustee may establish a deadline in advance of the meeting by which such forms must be received in order to be effective. Each Participant shall be entitled to one vote for each share credited to his account. If some or all of the Participants have not directed or have not timely directed the Trustee on how to vote, then the Trustee shall vote such Qualifying Employer Securities in the same proportion as those shares of Qualifying Employer Securities for which the Trustee has received proper direction for such matter.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) General

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principals ("U.S. GAAP").

(b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the Plan's investment advisors. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The Plan presents, in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits, the net (depreciation)/appreciation in fair value of its investments, which consists of the realized gains or losses and the unrealized (depreciation)/appreciation on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

(d) Distributions to Participants

Distributions to participants are recorded when paid by the Trustee.

(e) Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Bank has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

(f) Notes Receivable

Notes receivable are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued unpaid interest. Principal and interest is paid ratably through bi-weekly payroll deductions. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Delinquent notes receivable are recorded as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 as all amounts due are expected to be collected.

(g) Administrative Expenses

Quarterly administrative fees, loan processing fees and distribution fees are paid by participants of the Plan. These fees are not significant and are classified within benefit payments to participants in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. The asset management fees, as well as other administrative expenses, are paid by the Bank and, as such, are not reflected as expenses of the Plan.

(3) Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least

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reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

(4) Fair Value Measurements

Financial assets and liabilities recognized or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis and certain financial assets and liabilities recognized or disclosed at fair value on a non-recurring basis are accounted for using a three-level hierarchy of valuation technique based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. This hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices with readily available independent data in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable market inputs (Level 3). When various inputs for measurement fall within different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the lowest level input that has a significant impact on fair value measurement is used.

Financial assets and liabilities are categorized based upon the following characteristics or inputs to the valuation techniques:

- Level 1 - Financial assets and liabilities for which inputs are observable and are obtained from reliable quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in actively traded markets. This is the most reliable fair value measurement and includes, for example, active exchange-traded equity securities.
- Level 2 - Financial assets and liabilities for which values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which values are based on similar assets or liabilities that are actively traded. Level 2 also includes pricing models in which the inputs are corroborated by market data, for example, matrix pricing.
- Level 3 - Financial assets and liabilities for which values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. Level 3 inputs include the following:
 - Quotes from brokers or other external sources that are not considered binding;
 - Quotes from brokers or other external sources where it cannot be determined that market participants would in fact transact for the asset or liability at the quoted price; and
 - Quotes and other information from brokers or other external sources where the inputs are not deemed observable.

The Plan is responsible for the valuation process and as part of this process may use data from outside sources in establishing fair value. The Plan performs due diligence to understand the inputs used or how the data was calculated or derived. The Plan corroborates the reasonableness of external inputs in the valuation process.

The following table represents the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2022:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 163,743,807	—	—	163,743,807
Money market fund	9,670,655	—	—	9,670,655
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. common stock	66,134,301	—	—	66,134,301
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	239,548,763	—	—	239,548,763
Total investments at fair value	\$ 239,548,763	—	—	239,548,763

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The following table represents the Plan's investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2021:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 210,145,068	—	—	210,145,068
Money market fund	6,631,989	—	—	6,631,989
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. common stock	70,201,172	—	—	70,201,172
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	286,978,229	—	—	286,978,229
Total investments at fair value	\$ 286,978,229	—	—	286,978,229

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

Mutual funds - Shares of mutual funds are valued at the quoted net asset value ("NAV") of shares held by the Plan at year end. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Money market fund - The money market fund is valued at the quoted NAV of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Common stock - Investments in common stock held are valued at the quoted market price on the last business day of the year.

(5) Investment Concentrations

At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the following investments, which represents ten percent or more of net assets available for benefits, were held by the Plan:

	2022		2021	
	Shares	Fair value	Shares	Fair value
Northwest Bancshares, Inc. common stock	5,657,340	\$ 66,134,301	6,273,563	\$ 70,201,172
Mutual funds:				
American Century One Choice in Retirement Portfolio R6 Class	3,057,597	26,570,514	3,567,646	38,138,135

(6) Tax Status

A favorable determination letter was received from the IRS on July 13, 2016 stating that the Plan is designed in accordance with Section 401(a) of the IRC and the related trust is exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements do not include a provision for federal income taxes.

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2018.

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(7) Related Party and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain plan investments consist of shares of Company common stock and loans to participants which are secured by the balances in the participant accounts. The Bank is the Plan Sponsor and the Company is the Parent Company of the Plan Sponsor. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions that are exempt under ERISA. Certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

During 2022, the Plan purchased 165,186 shares of Company common stock at an aggregate cost of \$1,803,807 and sold 759,279 shares of Company common stock for total proceeds of \$8,563,904. During 2022, 22,130 shares were transferred out of the Plan to participants' individual brokerage accounts. During 2021, the Plan purchased 2,012,474 shares of Company common stock at an aggregate cost of \$20,379,731 and sold 1,017,845 shares of the Company common stock for total proceeds of \$11,341,932. During 2021, 461,092 shares were transferred into the Plan from the MutualBank Plan and 420,364 shares were transferred out of the Plan to participants' individual brokerage accounts. Plan participants received \$3,784,252 and \$3,923,589 in dividends on the Company's common stock during 2022 and 2021, respectively.

(8) Subsequent Events

On January 1, 2023, the Plan Sponsor amended the eligibility requirements for the employer matching contribution to completing 90 days of service, from completing 1,000 hours and one year of service. No other amendments were made to the plan.

In addition, the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 was signed into law on December 29, 2022. This legislation includes a vast array of provisional changes to retirement plans, becoming effective in 2023 and beyond. Plan management is evaluating the impact of the adoption and implementation of this legislation on the Plan.

Plan management evaluated subsequent events after the statement of net assets available for benefits date of December 31, 2022 and prior to the issuance of the Plan's financial statements and concluded that no additional subsequent events occurred that would require recognition or disclosure in the Plan's financial statements.

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Schedule H, Line 4(i) — Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2022

Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investments	Cost	Current value
	Money market fund:		
Federated Investors, Inc.	Federated Hermes Prime Cash Obligation #851	N/R	\$ 9,670,655
	Mutual funds:		
Diamond Hill	Diamond Hill Large Cap Fund Class I	N/R	3,548,071
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund	N/R	11,151,401
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Mid-Cap Growth Fund	N/R	7,415,615
T. Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price QM U.S. Small-Cap Growth Equity Fund	N/R	4,510,346
JPMorgan	Undiscovered Managers Behavioral Value Fund Class L	N/R	1,414,833
The Vanguard Group	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	N/R	10,173,354
The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index	N/R	3,983,842
Victory Capital	Victory Sycamore Established Fund	N/R	3,753,923
Dimensional Fund Advisors	DFA International Core Equity Fund	N/R	1,195,956
Harding International	Harding Loevner International Eq Ins	N/R	1,802,564
JPMorgan	JPMorgan Emerging Markets Equity Fund Class L	N/R	2,069,628
Federated Investors, Inc.	Federated Hermes Total Return Bond Fund	N/R	4,497,674
The Vanguard Group	Vanguard Short Term Investment-Grade Fund	N/R	2,247,817
American Century	American Century One Choice in Retirement	N/R	26,570,514
American Century	American Century One Choice 2025 Fund	N/R	7,957,906
American Century	American Century One Choice 2030 Fund	N/R	21,847,843
American Century	American Century One Choice 2035 Fund	N/R	16,464,230
American Century	American Century One Choice 2040 Fund	N/R	9,958,820
American Century	American Century One Choice 2045 Fund	N/R	9,563,628
American Century	American Century One Choice 2050 Fund	N/R	6,828,299
American Century	American Century One Choice 2055 Fund	N/R	4,613,845
American Century	American Century One Choice 2060 Fund	N/R	1,856,067
American Century	American Century One Choice 2065 Fund	N/R	317,631
	Total mutual funds		163,743,807
	Employer securities:		
* Northwest Bancshares, Inc.	Northwest Bancshares, Inc. common stock	N/R	66,134,301
* Plan participants	Loans to participants (530 loans outstanding at 3.5% - 8.5% with maturity dates through 2028)	—	3,525,435
			<u>\$ 243,074,198</u>

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