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| <p><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p>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).</p> <p>▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p> | <p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2022</p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p> |
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| <b>Part I Annual Report Identification Information</b>  |  |
| For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>07/22/2022</u>  |  |
| <p><b>A</b> This return/report is for:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan</p> <p><b>B</b> This return/report is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report</p> <p><b>C</b> If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>D</b> Check box if filing under:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)</p> <p><b>E</b> If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) ____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the final return/report</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program</p> |

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| <b>Part II Basic Plan Information</b> —enter all requested information   |   |
| <p><b>1a</b> Name of plan<br/><u>ABC-CLIO, INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN</u></p> <p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br/>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br/>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br/><u>ABC-CLIO, INC.</u></p> <p><u>147 CASTILIAN DRIVE</u><br/><u>SANTA BARBARA, CA 93117</u></p> | <p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p> <p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br/><u>11/01/1973</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><u>26-1497678</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br/><u>805-968-1911</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br/><u>511120</u></p> |

**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.

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| <b>SIGN HERE</b> | <u>Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.</u> | <u>07/19/2023</u> | <u>CHERYL LEMKUIL</u>  |
|                  | 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<br><br><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:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name  | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN   |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year   | <b>5</b> 112  |
| <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> ).<br><br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><br><b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item).....<br><br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | <b>6a(1)</b> 56<br><b>6a(2)</b> 0<br><b>6b</b> 0<br><b>6c</b> 0<br><b>6d</b> 0<br><b>6e</b> 0<br><b>6f</b> 0<br><b>6g</b> 0<br><b>6h</b>  |
| <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:<br>2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D<br><br><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)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor   | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(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><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)<br><br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary<br><br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary  | <b>b General Schedules</b><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)<br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>0</b> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information)<br>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)<br>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)<br>(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.)

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| <b>SCHEDULE C</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Service Provider Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2022</b><br><br><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 07/22/2022

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>ABC-CLIO, INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN</u>                  | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <u>002</u> |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>ABC-CLIO, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>26-1497678</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)

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 27                     | ADVISOR   | 24956  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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)

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 64 65                  | RECORDKEEPER  | 18014  | 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

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

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>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)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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|                        |   |  | 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.

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| <b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | <b>(b)</b> Service Codes<br>(see instructions)  | <b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| <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. |  |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | <b>(b)</b> Service Codes<br>(see instructions)  | <b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| <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. |  |
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| <b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | <b>(b)</b> Service Codes<br>(see instructions)  | <b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| <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. |  |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

| <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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| <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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| <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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| <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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| <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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| <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)

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:



**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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**c** EIN-PN

**d** Entity code

**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)



**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**

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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2022** and ending **07/22/2022**

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br>ABC-CLIO, INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN                  | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 002                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>ABC-CLIO, INC. | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>26-1497678 |

**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>       | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                      |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions.....  | <b>1b(1)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions.....   | <b>1b(2)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Other.....   | <b>1b(3)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>c</b> General investments:   |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....   | <b>1c(1)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities.....  | <b>1c(2)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                           |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred.....   | <b>1c(3)(A)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> All other.....   | <b>1c(3)(B)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                     |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred.....   | <b>1c(4)(A)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(B)</b> Common.....  | <b>1c(4)(B)</b> | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests.....   | <b>1c(5)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property).....                                   | <b>1c(6)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....  | <b>1c(7)</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans.....   | <b>1c(8)</b>    | 24838                 | 0               |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....                                     | <b>1c(9)</b>    | 1013182               | 0               |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....                                    | <b>1c(10)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....                            | <b>1c(11)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....                                  | <b>1c(12)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....        | <b>1c(13)</b>   | 14484056              | 0               |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | <b>1c(14)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>(15)</b> Other.....  | <b>1c(15)</b>   | 0                     | 0               |

| 1d Employer-related investments:                                  |       | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|---|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities.....                                      | 1d(1) | 0                     | 0               |
| (2) Employer real property.....                                   | 1d(2) | 0                     | 0               |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....        | 1e    | 0                     | 0               |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....      | 1f    | 15522076              | 0               |
| <b>Liabilities</b>  |       |                       |                 |
| g Benefit claims payable.....                                     | 1g    | 0                     | 0               |
| h Operating payables.....   | 1h    | 0                     | 0               |
| i Acquisition indebtedness.....                                   | 1i    | 0                     | 0               |
| j Other liabilities.....  | 1j    | 0                     | 0               |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>Net Assets</b>   |       |                       |                 |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....                 | 1l    | 15522076              | 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) | 2642       |           |
| (B) Participants.....  | 2a(1)(B) | 0          |           |
| (C) Others (including rollovers).....  | 2a(1)(C) | 0          |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions.....   | 2a(2)    | 0          |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....                   | 2a(3)    |            | 2642      |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>  |          |            |           |
| (1) Interest:  |          |            |           |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 0          |           |
| (B) U.S. Government securities.....  | 2b(1)(B) | 0          |           |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments.....  | 2b(1)(C) | 0          |           |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants).....  | 2b(1)(D) | 0          |           |
| (E) Participant loans.....   | 2b(1)(E) | 353        |           |
| (F) Other.....   | 2b(1)(F) | 0          |           |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....                                      | 2b(1)(G) |            | 353       |
| (2) Dividends:   |          |            |           |
| (A) Preferred stock.....   | 2b(2)(A) | 0          |           |
| (B) Common stock.....  | 2b(2)(B) | 0          |           |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....                            | 2b(2)(C) | 39910      |           |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....                                   | 2b(2)(D) |            | 39910     |
| (3) Rents.....   | 2b(3)    |            | 0         |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:   |          |            |           |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds.....  | 2b(4)(A) | 0          |           |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....  | 2b(4)(B) | 0          |           |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....                          | 2b(4)(C) |            |           |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:  |          |            |           |
| (A) Real estate.....   | 2b(5)(A) | 0          |           |
| (B) Other.....   | 2b(5)(B) | 0          |           |
| (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)  |            | 7351      |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | 2b(7)  |            | 0         |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | 2b(8)  |            | 0         |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....                             | 2b(9)  |            | 0         |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | 2b(10) |            | -2528227  |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....   | 2c     |            | 0         |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....        | 2d     |            | -2477971  |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |        |            |           |
| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                      |        |            |           |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....                 | 2e(1)  | 13001135   |           |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                                   | 2e(2)  | 0          |           |
| (3) Other .....   | 2e(3)  | 0          |           |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....                                    | 2e(4)  |            | 13001135  |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                      | 2f     |            | 0         |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....             | 2g     |            | 0         |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense .....   | 2h     |            | 0         |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees .....                                   | 2i(1)  | 0          |           |
| (2) Contract administrator fees.....  | 2i(2)  | 0          |           |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees .....   | 2i(3)  | 0          |           |
| (4) Other .....   | 2i(4)  | 42970      |           |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....                             | 2i(5)  |            | 42970     |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....     | 2j     |            | 13044105  |
| <b>Net Income and Reconciliation</b>  |        |            |           |
| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....                                  | 2k     |            | -15522076 |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:   |        |            |           |
| (1) To this plan .....  | 2l(1)  |            | 0         |
| (2) From this plan.....   | 2l(2)  |            | 0         |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

- (1)  Unmodified (2)  Qualified (3)  Disclaimer (4)  Adverse

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

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

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

(1) Name: PENSION ASSURANCE LLP

(2) EIN: 30-0840934

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

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|--|---|---|
| <b>SCHEDULE R</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Retirement Plan Information</b><br><br>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).<br><br><b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2022</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
|--|---|---|

For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 07/22/2022

|  |  |            |
|--|--|------------|
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>ABC-CLIO, INC. 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN</u>                  | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <u>002</u> |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>ABC-CLIO, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>26-1497678</u> |            |

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
|---------------|----------------------|

**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): 04-6568107

**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 |  |
|---|--|

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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.) |
|----------------|---|

**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> |
|-----------------|-------------------|

**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. |
|----------------|---|

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

**ABC-CLIO Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan**

Financial Statements with Auditor's Report  
As of July 22, 2022, and December 31, 2021

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Note: Schedules other than those listed above have been omitted because the information is otherwise disclosed, not applicable or is not required by 29 CFR 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the plan administrator and participants of  
ABC-CLIO Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of ABC-CLIO Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the Statements of Net Assets in Liquidation as of July 22, 2022, and December 31, 2021, the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets in Liquidation for the Period From January 1 to July 22, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of July 22, 2022, and December 31, 2021, and for the period from January 1 to July 22, 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### ***Opinion***

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to benefits provided under the plan and certified to by a qualified institution or 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 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

***Emphasis of Matter – Plan Termination and Liquidation Basis of Accounting***

As described in Notes 1 and 2 to the financial statements, the governing board of ABC-CLIO Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan approved a plan to terminate the Plan effective December 14, 2021, and management determined liquidation is imminent. As a result, the Plan used the liquidation basis of accounting in presenting the financial statements as of July 22, 2022, and December 31, 2021, and for the period from January 1 to July 22, 2022. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

*PENSION ASSURANCE LLP*

Agoura Hills, California  
April 6, 2023

**ABC-Clio Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan**  
**Statement of Net Assets in Liquidation**  
**As of July 22, 2022, and December 31, 2021**

|                                    | <u>7/22/2022</u> | <u>12/31/2021</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Assets:                            |                  |                   |
| Investments, at fair value:        |                  |                   |
| Mutual funds                       | \$ -             | \$ 14,484,056     |
| Common/Collective trusts           | -                | 1,013,182         |
|                                    | -                | 15,497,238        |
| Receivables:                       |                  |                   |
| Company contributions              | -                | 2,642             |
| Notes receivable from participants | -                | 24,838            |
|                                    | -                | 27,480            |
| Total assets                       | -                | 15,524,718        |
| Liabilities                        | -                | -                 |
| Net assets                         | \$ -             | \$ 15,524,718     |

See accompanying notes.

**ABC-Clio Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets in Liquidation**  
**For the Period From January 1 to July 22, 2022**

Additions to net assets attributable to:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | 353           |
| Investment income:                                    |               |
| Interest and dividends                                | 46,618        |
| Total additions                                       | <u>46,971</u> |

Deductions from net assets attributable to:

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Net realized and unrealized depreciation in<br>fair value of investments | 2,527,584         |
| Benefits paid to participants  | 13,001,135        |
| Plan expenses  | <u>42,970</u>     |
| Total deductions   | <u>15,571,689</u> |

Net decrease (15,524,718)

Net assets:

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Beginning of year | <u>15,524,718</u> |
| End of year       | <u>\$ -</u>       |

See accompanying notes.

## ABC-CLIO Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Period From January 1 to July 22, 2022

### 1. Plan Description

The following description of ABC-CLIO Inc. 401(k) Retirement 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, originally effective November 1, 1973, and restated July 21, 2021, is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of ABC-CLIO Inc. (the Company) who have completed one month of service and attained the age of 21, excluding certain classes of employee as set forth in the plan document. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### b. Plan Termination and Liquidation

Effective December 14, 2021, a resolution was adopted by the governing board to terminate the Plan. Contributions to the Plan were suspended and the assets of the Plan began to be distributed to participants.

#### c. Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 90 percent of annual compensation in pre-tax or Roth deferrals into the Plan, as defined in the plan document and allowed by law. Participants may also roll over eligible amounts from other qualified plans to the Plan. Company contributions are discretionary. During 2022, the Company did not make any discretionary contributions.

Pursuant to plan termination and liquidation, contributions to the Plan were suspended on December 14, 2021.

#### d. Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocations of the Company's contribution, if applicable, and the Plan's earnings and losses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants direct the investment of their accounts into various investment options offered by the Plan.

#### e. Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of credited service. Participants become 100 percent vested upon completion of three years of service.

Pursuant to the Plan's termination, all participants became 100 percent vested in their accounts.

## ABC-CLIO Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

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f. Distribution of Benefits

Upon termination of employment due to termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, participants may elect to receive the value of their vested account balance in a lump-sum distribution, installments, or partial withdrawals. In-service withdrawal options are available to participants under certain circumstances.

g. Forfeited Accounts

Forfeitures are used to reduce future company contributions. At July 22, 2022, and December 31, 2021, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$0 and \$2,305 respectively.

h. Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow the lesser of \$50,000 (reduced by the participant's highest outstanding loan balance during the 12-month period ending on the date of the loan) or 50 percent of their vested account balance. Loan terms range up to five years, but may be extended if the proceeds are to be used for the purchase of a primary residence. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. As a result of the plan termination, there were no loans outstanding as of July 22, 2022.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Accounting

As discussed in Note 1b, the plan sponsor terminated the Plan effective December 14, 2021, and management determined that liquidation was imminent, as such concepts are defined in the applicable accounting standards, as of that date. As a result, the financial statements of the Plan are prepared in accordance with the liquidation basis of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for all periods presented.

b. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management 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.

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### c. Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

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. See Note 4 for 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. Net realized and unrealized depreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

### d. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

### e. Plan Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements. Plan expenses include fees for certain participant-initiated transactions that are charged directly to the account of the participant who incurred them. Investment-related expenses are included in net realized and unrealized depreciation in fair value of investments.

### f. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated the subsequent events through April, 6 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## 3. Tax Exempt Status

The Company has adopted a pre-approved plan document that received a favorable opinion letter June 30, 2020, from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Although the Plan has been amended since then, the plan administrator believes the Plan has been operated in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Company routinely self-reviews the administration of the Plan and self-corrects any compliance issues in accordance with the Employee Plan Compliance Resolution System. Accordingly, the plan administrator believes that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC and, accordingly, are exempt from income taxes.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Period From January 1 to July 22, 2022

### 3. Tax Exempt Status (Continued)

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS or other applicable taxing authorities. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of July 22, 2022, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

### 4. Fair Value Measurement

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurement, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| Level 1 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.  |
| Level 2 | Inputs to the valuation methodology include <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;</li><li>• quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;</li><li>• inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;</li><li>• inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.</li></ul> If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. |
| Level 3 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.  |

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There has been no change in the methodologies used at July 22, 2022, and December 31, 2021.

## ABC-CLIO Inc. 401(k) Retirement Plan

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### 4. Fair Value Measurement (Continued)

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Common/Collective trusts:* Valued at NAV of units held by the Plan at year end, which is considered by plan management to be the best approximation of fair value. The unit values of the Putnam Stable Value Fund are calculated based on the collective fair values of the underlying investments. The fund holds a variety of investments including corporate bonds, treasury securities, U.S. government agency obligations and mortgage securities, asset-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, commercial mortgage securities, fixed-income funds and money market funds. The fund seeks to preserve capital while providing a level of income that is competitive with other investment options with similar risk profiles and investment objectives. There are no notable restrictions on the redemption of investments held in the fund.

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

The following table set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021. As a result of the plan termination and liquidation, there were no assets held by the Plan as of July 22, 2022.

|   | <b>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021</b> |                |                |                      |
|---|---|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
|   | <u>Level 1</u>                                      | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u>         |
| Mutual funds                                | \$ <u>14,484,056</u>                                | \$ <u>-</u>    | \$ <u>-</u>    | \$ <u>14,484,056</u> |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy    | 14,484,056  | -              | -              | 14,484,056           |
| Investments measured at net asset value (1) | <u>-</u>  | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>       | <u>1,013,182</u>     |
| Investments, at fair value                  | \$ <u>14,484,056</u>                                | \$ <u>-</u>    | \$ <u>-</u>    | \$ <u>15,497,238</u> |

(1) In accordance with FASB ASC 820, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the tables above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Net Assets in Liquidation.

### 5. Party-In-Interest Transactions

Fidelity Management Trust Company is the Trustee of the Plan and holds and manages investments. Transactions with Fidelity Management Trust Company are exempt party-in-interest transactions, as defined by ERISA.

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### 6. Certified Investment Information

Management has elected to have the audit of the Plan 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. Accordingly, Fidelity Management Trust Company, the Trustee of the Plan, has certified that the following investment information is complete and accurate:

- Fair value of investments as reflected in the Statements of Net Assets in Liquidation as of July 22, 2022, and December 31, 2021.
- Interest and dividends, net realized and unrealized depreciation in fair value of investments, and interest income on notes receivable from participants as reflected in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets in Liquidation for the Period From January 1 to July 22, 2022.
- Investment information as reflected in Note 4 to these financial statements.

As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), the audit need not extend to any statements or information related to the certified investment information.

### 7. Reconciliation to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets per the financial statements to the Form 5500 at July 22, 2022, and December 31 2021.

|  | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u>          |
|--|-------------|----------------------|
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements | \$ -        | \$ 15,524,718        |
| Company contributions receivable                               | -           | <u>(2,642)</u>       |
| Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500            | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 15,522,076</u> |

The following is a reconciliation of the change in net assets per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended July 22, 2022.

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Net decrease per the financial statements              | \$ (15,524,718)        |
| Receipt of company contributions accrued in prior year | <u>2,642</u>           |
| Net decrease per the Form 5500                         | <u>\$ (15,522,076)</u> |