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| <div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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| Part I                                                                                     | Annual Report Identification Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| A                                                                                          | This return/report is for: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div> |
| C                                                                                          | If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| D                                                                                          | Check box if filing under: <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| E                                                                                          | If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1a      | Name of plan<br>SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1b      | Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1c      | Effective date of plan<br>05/01/1985                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2a      | 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>SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.<br><br>PO BOX 6170<br>TYLER, TX 75711-0000 |
| 2b      | Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>75-1848732                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2c      | Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br>903-531-7111                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2d      | Business code (see instructions)<br>522110                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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. | 06/26/2024 | GINA HEPPEL                                                  |
|           | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 06/26/2024 | GINA HEPPEL                                                  |
|           | 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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| <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<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <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> 1041                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <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><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><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><b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested ..... | <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <b>6a(1)</b> 889<br><b>6a(2)</b> 836<br><b>6b</b> 0<br><b>6c</b> 135<br><b>6d</b> 971<br><b>6e</b> 2<br><b>6f</b> 973<br><b>6g(1)</b> 944<br><b>6g(2)</b> 956<br><b>6h</b> 46 |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**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 2S 2T 3D 3H

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br><b>(1)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br><b>(2)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br><b>(3)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br><b>(4)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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**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
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached 0
- (5)** ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 2
- (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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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| <div>SCHEDULE A</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury</div> <div>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor</div> <div>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Insurance Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> <div>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023 |                                                      |     |
| A Name of plan<br>SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.          | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.       | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>75-1848732 |     |

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier  
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN    | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year |            |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|            |               |                                       |                                                                             | (f) From                | (g) To     |
| 42-0127290 | 61271         | 613953                                | 973                                                                         | 01/01/2023              | 12/31/2023 |

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

|                                      |                               |
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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
| 0                                    | 0                             |

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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

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

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

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier .....**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. ....**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b** 1387120

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| <b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year ..... | <b>7c(1)</b> | -12221 |
| (2) Dividends and credits .....                                       | <b>7c(2)</b> |        |
| (3) Interest credited during the year .....                           | <b>7c(3)</b> | 24339  |
| (4) Transferred from separate account.....                            | <b>7c(4)</b> |        |
| (5) Other (specify below) .....                                       | <b>7c(5)</b> | 151834 |

▶ LOAN PAYMENT, CORRECTION, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER

(6) Total additions..... **7c(6)** 163952**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) ..... **7d** 1551072**e** Deductions:

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| (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year ..... | <b>7e(1)</b> | 118113 |
| (2) Administration charge made by carrier .....                                 | <b>7e(2)</b> | 103049 |
| (3) Transferred to separate account.....                                        | <b>7e(3)</b> |        |
| (4) Other (specify below) .....                                                 | <b>7e(4)</b> | 787    |

▶ LOAN WITHDRAWAL

(5) Total deductions..... **7e(5)** 221949**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) ..... **7f** 1329123

**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)     
**b** ☐ Dental     
**c** ☐ Vision     
**d** ☐ Life insurance  
**e** ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)     
**f** ☐ Long-term disability     
**g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment     
**h** ☐ Prescription drug  
**i** ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)     
**j** ☐ HMO contract     
**k** ☐ PPO contract     
**l** ☐ Indemnity contract  
**m** ☐ Other (specify) ▶

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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| <b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....                                                                                                                                                           | <b>10a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount ..... | <b>10b</b> |  |

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

**11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

**12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| 42-0127290 | 61271         | 811159                                | 973                                                                         | 01/01/2023              | 12/31/2023 |

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| 0                                    | 0                             |

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|                                               | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
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|                                               | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| <b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end ..... | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b>        |
| <b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....    | <b>5</b> | <b>11252678</b> |

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier .....**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. ....**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year .....**7b****c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....**7c(1)**

(2) Dividends and credits .....

**7c(2)**

(3) Interest credited during the year .....

**7c(3)**

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

**7c(4)**

(5) Other (specify below) .....

**7c(5)**

▶

(6) Total additions.....

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

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....

**7e(1)**

(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....

**7e(2)**

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

**7e(3)**

(4) Other (specify below) .....

**7e(4)**

▶

(5) Total deductions.....

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

**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)     
**b** ☐ Dental     
**c** ☐ Vision     
**d** ☐ Life insurance  
**e** ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)     
**f** ☐ Long-term disability     
**g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment     
**h** ☐ Prescription drug  
**i** ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)     
**j** ☐ HMO contract     
**k** ☐ PPO contract     
**l** ☐ Indemnity contract  
**m** ☐ Other (specify) ▶

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |  |
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| <b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....                                                                                                                                                           | <b>10a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount ..... | <b>10b</b> |  |

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

**11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

**12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| <div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 2023                                    |
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| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023 |                                                      |     |
| A Name of plan<br>SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.          | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.       | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>75-1848732 |     |

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| 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).

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| (b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY                                                                           |
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| (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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| 13 37 50 64            | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR                                                                            | 127901                                                                 | 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)

WILSHIRE ADVISORS LLC

95-2755361

| (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 72                  | INVESTMENT ADVISORY                                                                               | 0                                                                      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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.

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| WILSHIRE ADVISORS LLC                                               | 27 72                                                                                                                                                              | 0                                         |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY<br><br>42-0127290                  | 1 BASIS POINT ANNUALLY ON ELIGIBLE PLAN ASSETS IN WILSHIRE 3(21) OR WILSHIRE 3(21) AUTO-EXECUTE FIDUCIARY SERVICE.                                                 |                                           |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(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. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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|                                                                          |                               |                                                                                     |
| (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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| (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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| (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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| (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)

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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: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
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Explanation:

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| <b>SCHEDULE D</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration | <b>DFE/Participating Plan 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> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2023</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.</u> | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u> |
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| <b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>75-1848732</u> |
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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b><br>(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN DIVERSIFIED INTL SA-Z

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-015</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>356936</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LGCP S&P 500 INDEX SA-Z

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-016</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3060497</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP VALUE I SA-Z

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-043</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>351986</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMCAP S&P 600 INDEX SA-Z

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-028</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>492268</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN MIDCAP S&P 400 IDX SA-Z

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-023</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>598184</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LARGE CAP GROWTH I SA-Z

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-066</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>3508503</u> |
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN REAL ESTATE SECS SA-Z

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

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| <b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-095</u> | <b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u> | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>513609</u> |
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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN SMCAP VALUE II SEP ACCT-Z         |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY    |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-096                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 334337  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2010 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-001                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0       |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2015 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-002                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1587088 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2020 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-003                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1940525 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2025 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-004                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4141654 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2030 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-005                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6425776 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2035 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-006                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3137550 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2040 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-007                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4443374 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2045 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-008                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6928796 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2050 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-009                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4060195 |

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| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2055 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-010                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2443397 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR INC CIT Z           |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-011                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1923535 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN CORE FIX INC SEP ACCT-Z           |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY    |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-118                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 616418  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN EQUITY INCOME SA-Z                |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY    |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-120                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1357158 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN DIV INC SA-Z                      |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY    |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-134                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 18594   |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN GL REAL EST SEC SA-Z              |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY    |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 42-0127290-136                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code P | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 44188   |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2060 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-012                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1739367 |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYBR 2065 CIT Z          |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-013                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 289113  |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIFETIME HYB 2070 CIT Z           |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL GLOBAL INVESTORS TRUST CO |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN 26-6447574-014                                                        | <b>d</b> Entity code C | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1809    |
| <b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:                                        |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):                                     |                        |                                                                                                             |
| <b>c</b> EIN-PN                                                                       | <b>d</b> Entity code   | <b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)         |

**Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

**a** Plan name**b** Name of  
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| <div>SCHEDULE H</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Financial Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                      |
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| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023 |                                                      |     |
| A Name of plan<br>SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.          | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►                     | 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.       | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>75-1848732 |     |

| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Asset and Liability Statement |                       |                 |
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| <b>1</b> 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. <b>Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.</b> MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions. |                               |                       |                 |
| Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1a</b>                     |                       |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1b(1)</b>                  | 2037815               | 2226459         |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1b(2)</b>                  | 142244                | 7               |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1b(3)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(1)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1c(2)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1c(3)(A)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1c(3)(B)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1c(4)(A)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(4)(B)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1c(5)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(6)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1c(7)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(8)</b>                  | 1096973               | 1130314         |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1c(9)</b>                  | 31610152              | 39062179        |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1c(10)</b>                 | 8442489               | 11252678        |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(11)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(12)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1c(13)</b>                 | 4739876               | 6498275         |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(14)</b>                 | 1387120               | 1329123         |
| <b>(15)</b> Other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1c(15)</b>                 |                       |                 |

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| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                                   |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| (1) Employer securities .....                                             | <b>1d(1)</b> | 4416687               | 3759200         |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                          | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....        | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....      | <b>1f</b>    | 53873356              | 65258235        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                        |              |                       |                 |
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b>    | 0                     | 0               |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                                         |              |                       |                 |
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....                 | <b>1l</b>    | 53873356              | 65258235        |

**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.

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| <b>Income</b>                                                                                 |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
| <b>a Contributions:</b>                                                                       |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....                                  | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 2226459    |           |
| (B) Participants .....                                                                        | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 4794158    |           |
| (C) Others (including rollovers) .....                                                        | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 1639660    |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                               | <b>2a(2)</b>    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , (B), (C), and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....    | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 8660277   |
| <b>b Earnings on investments:</b>                                                             |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                 |                 |            |           |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) ..... | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) U.S. Government securities .....                                                          | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments .....                                                          | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                  | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| (E) Participant loans .....                                                                   | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> | 60863      |           |
| (F) Other .....                                                                               | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 24339      |           |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through (F) .....                               | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 85202     |
| (2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock .....                                                      | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Common stock .....                                                                        | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> | 173998     |           |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                            | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 159087     |           |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , (B), and (C) .....                           | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 333085    |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                               | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds .....                           | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> | 458052     |           |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                        | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> | 536374     |           |
| (C) Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....            | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            | -78322    |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate .....                   | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Other .....                                                                               | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> | -511760    |           |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and (B) .....          | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            |           |

|                                                                                                 |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
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| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....                               | 2b(6)  |            | 5454333   |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....                               | 2b(7)  |            | 2124253   |
| (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) |            | 600834    |
| <b>c</b> Other income .....                                                                     | 2c     |            | 379       |
| <b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....        | 2d     |            | 16668281  |

**Expenses**

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| <b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |        |         |         |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....             | 2e(1)  | 5149933 |         |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....                                | 2e(2)  |         |         |
| (3) Other .....                                                                             | 2e(3)  |         |         |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....                 | 2e(4)  |         | 5149933 |
| <b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | 2f     |         | 706     |
| <b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | 2g     |         |         |
| <b>h</b> Interest expense .....                                                             | 2h     |         |         |
| <b>i</b> Administrative expenses:                                                           |        |         |         |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....                                                           | 2i(1)  |         |         |
| (2) Contract administrator fees.....                                                        | 2i(2)  | 127901  |         |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees.....                                                                 | 2i(3)  |         |         |
| (4) IQPA audit fees.....                                                                    | 2i(4)  | 4862    |         |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                                | 2i(5)  |         |         |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                                      | 2i(6)  |         |         |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....                                                                    | 2i(7)  |         |         |
| (8) Legal fees .....                                                                        | 2i(8)  |         |         |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....                                                          | 2i(9)  |         |         |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....                                                  | 2i(10) |         |         |
| (11) Other expenses .....                                                                   | 2i(11) |         |         |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....        | 2i(12) |         | 132763  |
| <b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | 2j     |         | 5283402 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

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| <b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> ..... | 2k    |  | 11384879 |
| <b>l</b> Transfers of assets:                                                 |       |  |          |
| (1) To this plan .....                                                        | 2l(1) |  |          |
| (2) From this plan .....                                                      | 2l(2) |  |          |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **ERNST & YOUNG LLP**

(2) EIN: **34-6565596**

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes                                 | No                                  | Amount   |
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| <b>a</b> 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.) .....                 |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <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.) ..... |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <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.) .....                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <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.) .....                                                                                                                  |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     | 15000000 |
| <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? .....                                                                                                                                                                          |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <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? .....                                                                                                                                       |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <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? .....                                                                                                                             |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <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.) .....                                                                                                                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                                     |          |
| <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.) .....                                                                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <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? .....                                                                                                                                              |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) .....                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |          |
| <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. ....                                                                                                                         |                                     |                                     |          |

**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.)

| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s) | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> PN(s) |
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**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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| <div>SCHEDULE R</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury</div> <div>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor</div> <div>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Retirement Plan Information</div> <div>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).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2023                                    |
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| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023 |                                                      |     |
| A Name of plan<br>SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.          | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 002 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.       | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>75-1848732 |     |

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| 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.....                                                                                                                   | 10 |
| 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):<br>EIN(s): 42-0127290 |    |
| 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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| 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)?.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____<br>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? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> 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? .....                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

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| 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. .... | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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| Part IV | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.                                            |                                                          |
| 10      | Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 11      | a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.) ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 12      | Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| <b>14</b> 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:<br><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) .....<br><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) .....<br><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>14a</b><br><br><br><b>14b</b><br><br><b>14c</b> |  |
| <b>15</b> 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:<br><b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....<br><b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>15a</b><br><br><b>15b</b>                       |  |
| <b>16</b> Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:<br><b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....<br><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>16a</b><br><br><b>16b</b>                       |  |
| <b>17</b> 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..... <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                    |  |

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| <b>Part VI</b> | <b>Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans</b> |
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| <b>18</b> 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..... <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <b>19</b> If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):<br><b>a</b> Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:<br>Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%<br>High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%<br><b>b</b> Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:<br><input type="checkbox"/> 0-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 10-15 years <input type="checkbox"/> 15 years or more                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| <b>20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.</b> If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.<br><b>a</b> Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>b</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:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes.<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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.<br><input type="checkbox"/> 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.<br><input type="checkbox"/> No. Other. Provide explanation. _____ |  |

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| <b>Part VII</b> | <b>IRS Compliance Questions</b> |
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| <b>21a</b> Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br><b>21b</b> If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).<br><input type="checkbox"/> Design-based safe harbor method<br><input type="checkbox"/> "Prior year" ADP test<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Current year" ADP test<br><input type="checkbox"/> N/A |  |
| <b>22</b> If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702477A</u> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |

**SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

- A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

**Savings Plan for the Subsidiaries of Southside Bancshares, Inc.**

- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:



**Southside Bancshares, Inc.  
1201 S. Beckham Avenue  
Tyler, TX 75701**

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**SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE  
SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.**

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## **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Plan Participants and the Plan Administrator of the  
Savings Plan for the Subsidiaries of Southside Bancshares, Inc.

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Savings Plan for the Subsidiaries of Southside Bancshares, Inc. (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 (modified cash basis) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) of the Plan at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the years then ended, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

### **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 audit opinion.

### **Modified Cash Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2 and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management also is responsible 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 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**

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.

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 of the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023 (referred to as the “supplemental schedule”), 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 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 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, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the supplemental 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 Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

June 25, 2024

**SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE  
SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)**

|                                                        | <u>December 31,<br/>2023</u> | <u>December 31,<br/>2022</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                          |                              |                              |
| Investments:                                           |                              |                              |
| Investments, at fair value                             | \$ 60,572,332                | \$ 49,209,204                |
| Fully benefit responsive investment, at contract value | 1,329,123                    | 1,387,120                    |
| Total investments                                      | <u>61,901,455</u>            | <u>50,596,324</u>            |
| Receivables:                                           |                              |                              |
| Notes receivable from participants                     | <u>1,130,314</u>             | <u>1,096,973</u>             |
| Net assets available for benefits                      | <u><u>\$ 63,031,769</u></u>  | <u><u>\$ 51,693,297</u></u>  |

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE  
SUBSIDIARIES OF SOUTHSIDE BANCSHARES, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
(MODIFIED CASH BASIS)**

|                                                              | Years Ended December 31, |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                              | 2023                     | 2022                 |
| <b>ADDITIONS:</b>                                            |                          |                      |
| Investment income (loss):                                    |                          |                      |
| Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments | \$ 7,506,365             | \$(10,053,185)       |
| Dividend and interest income                                 | 441,184                  | 280,450              |
| Total investment income (loss)                               | 7,947,549                | (9,772,735)          |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants        | 60,863                   | 37,159               |
| Contributions:                                               |                          |                      |
| Participant                                                  | 4,936,395                | 4,546,038            |
| Employer                                                     | 2,037,815                | 1,946,451            |
| Rollovers                                                    | 1,639,660                | 500,570              |
| Total contributions                                          | 8,613,870                | 6,993,059            |
| Total additions, net of investment loss                      | 16,622,282               | (2,742,517)          |
| <b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>                                           |                          |                      |
| Benefits paid to participants                                | 5,150,638                | 4,263,306            |
| Administrative expenses                                      | 133,172                  | 102,063              |
| Total deductions                                             | 5,283,810                | 4,365,369            |
| Net increase (decrease)                                      | 11,338,472               | (7,107,886)          |
| <b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:</b>                    |                          |                      |
| Beginning of year                                            | 51,693,297               | 58,801,183           |
| End of year                                                  | <u>\$ 63,031,769</u>     | <u>\$ 51,693,297</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**SAVINGS PLAN FOR THE  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

***General and Administrative***

The Savings Plan for the Subsidiaries of Southside Bancshares, Inc. (the “Plan”) is a defined contribution 401(k) profit sharing plan for eligible employees of Southside Bancshares, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the “Company” or “Employer”). The Plan is administered by Southside Bancshares, Inc. (“Plan Administrator”), which is also the Plan Sponsor. Principal Financial Group provides certain plan administrative and support services such as compliance testing, processing distribution/loan requests, and enrollment and transaction processing and serves as the trustee and custodian.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). Participants should refer to the plan document and summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the Plan Sponsor.

***Eligibility***

Eligible employees may participate in the Plan after they have worked at least 30 days with the Company or a predecessor employer.

Union employees, leased employees, independent contractors (even if later determined to be an employee), non-resident aliens and any security officers hired on or after April 30, 2003 who are also employed on a full-time basis by any federal, state, county or local law enforcement agency shall be excluded from participation in the Plan.

***Contributions***

A participant may elect to make salary deferral contributions of their eligible compensation subject to certain maximum limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”). These elective deferral contributions may consist of both pre-tax and Roth 401(k) contributions; however, the combination of pre-tax and Roth contributions were limited to \$22,500 for 2023 and \$20,500 for 2022.

Participants aged 50 and over by the end of the plan year are permitted to make annual catch-up contributions. The catch-up contribution limit was \$7,500 for 2023 and \$6,500 for 2022, making the total elective deferral limitation \$30,000 for 2023 and \$27,000 for 2022.

On January 1 of each year and on the plan entry date for each new participant that has met the eligibility criteria, an automatic enrollment at a 5% deferral rate will be applied to all participant accounts that have not made an election to defer. Those who had previously elected not to defer or designated a zero-deferral percentage will also be automatically enrolled each January 1, unless the participant affirmatively elects to not defer prior to each January 1. If a participant does not choose a different deferral percentage other than the automatic 5%, the deferral percentage will also be automatically increased each first day of each succeeding plan year by 1% up to a maximum deferral percentage of 10%.

The Company has an option to provide discretionary contributions equal to a matching percentage which the Company, from time to time, deems advisable. The Company’s matching percentage is 100% for the first 3% of the employee’s salary deferral and 50% for the next 2% of the employee’s salary deferral. In applying the matching percentage, only salary deferrals up to 5% of a participant’s eligible compensation will be used. To receive the Company’s discretionary matching contribution for a Plan year, if any, the participant must have made match-eligible contributions during the Plan year, completed 1,000 hours or more of service during the Plan year and must be employed by the Company on the last day of the Plan year (unless the participant terminated due to death or disability, or after attainment of normal retirement age).

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***Rollover Contributions***

A rollover contribution is an amount received from another plan or IRA. Under certain circumstances, participants may roll over an amount from another plan to this Plan. This amount comes from contributions made because of past participation in another plan. A rollover is only allowed in cash. A rollover may include an outstanding loan balance, if the participant were affected by a business event that results in a change of employer. A direct rollover may come from other qualified plans, tax sheltered annuity plans and governmental 457 plans. A participant rollover that was originally paid to the participant may come from other qualified plans, tax sheltered annuity plans, governmental 457 plans and traditional IRAs.

***Vesting***

Participants are immediately vested in their salary deferral contributions including Roth 401(k) contributions and any rollover contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting service means the sum of a participant's periods of service. The cumulative periods of service begin when the participant starts working for the Company and/or a predecessor employer and ends on the earlier of the date the participant stops working for the Company or the date the participant is absent from work for one year. Any Plan year in which a participant was not an employee of the Company for less than a full year or is absent from work less than one year will count as a period of service for vesting purposes.

Vesting in the Company matching contributions is based upon periods of service as indicated below:

| <u>Periods of Service</u> | <u>% Vested</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Less than 2               | 0%              |
| 2                         | 20%             |
| 3                         | 40%             |
| 4                         | 60%             |
| 5                         | 80%             |
| 6 or more                 | 100%            |

A participant also becomes 100% vested in all accounts upon attaining age 55 while employed by the Company. A participant's account is also fully vested if the participant dies or becomes disabled while employed by the Company.

***Participant Accounts***

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's matching contributions (if eligible), and the net earnings or losses from the investment activities of the participant's account, reduced for any withdrawals and fees associated with notes receivables. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

***Forfeited Accounts***

Upon termination of employment, participants forfeit their nonvested benefits. These forfeitures generally may serve to pay the Plan's administrative expenses and to reduce future Employer contributions. In certain circumstances, if a participant is rehired, the participant shall have the right to repay to the Plan the portion of the participant's account which may have been previously distributed. In the event the participant repays the entire distribution received from the Plan, the Company shall restore the nonvested portion of the participant's account. During 2023, forfeitures were used to reduce Plan expenses by \$98,576 and employer contributions by \$1,630. During 2022, forfeitures were used to reduce plan expenses by \$75,708 and employer contributions by \$23,619. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, unallocated forfeited balances were \$90,568 and \$126,799, respectively.

***Participant Investment Options***

Participants are permitted to invest employee and employer contributions among only those investment alternatives made available under the Plan. Participants may not invest more than 20% of their account in employer stock. Participants are permitted to invest rollover contributions into investment alternatives made available under the Plan except for employer

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company stock. Participants may elect to terminate their elective deferrals at any time. Modifications to participants' deferral amounts are effective at the beginning of the next payroll period. Participants may change their investment options via phone or online access to Principal Financial Group in accordance with applicable procedures established by the Plan Administrator.

***Participant Loans***

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 (reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance from the Plan during the one-year period ending on the day before the new loan is made), or the greater of 50% of their vested account balance or \$10,000, reduced by any outstanding loan balance on the date the new loan is made. The maximum repayment term of any loan is 5 years. Loan transactions are treated as a transfer to (from) the investment funds from (to) the Participants Loan account. Loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts and bear interest at the rate commensurate with the Wall Street base rate at the date of issuance as determined by Principal Financial Group. A participant may not have more than one loan outstanding at any point in time. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions over not more than 5 years.

***In-service Withdrawals***

Participants may be eligible for financial hardship withdrawals to pay medical expenses, the purchase of a residence, expenses of post-secondary higher education or other eligible expenses. Hardship withdrawals are allowed for participants incurring an immediate and heavy financial need, as defined by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals are strictly regulated by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and a participant must exhaust all available loan options and available distributions prior to requesting a hardship withdrawal. The amount withdrawn, which may include all or a portion of rollover contributions, cannot exceed the amount of the hardship. Participants may also withdraw any or all of the participant's vested account if the participant is at least 59 ½ and has not yet terminated employment with the Company. Participants may withdraw any or all of the account of rollover contributions at any time.

***Payment of Benefits***

Upon separation of service with the Company, a participant whose vested account balance is equal to or less than \$5,000 but more than \$1,000 will receive a mandatory distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan unless the participant elects to receive an immediate lump-sum distribution equal to their vested account balance. For vested account balances that are \$1,000 or less, an immediate lump-sum distribution of the vested account balance will be paid to the participant. For vested account balances greater than \$5,000, a participant is eligible for a distribution paid directly to an eligible retirement plan, a single lump-sum payment, fixed period or fixed amount installment payments over a period of time or partial payments. Cash and employer securities are forms of payment available under the Plan.

***Administrative Expenses***

Some Plan administrative expenses are paid by the Company. Expenses relating to purchases, sales or transfers of the Plan's investments are charged to the particular investment fund to which the expenses relate. Fees related to the administration of participants' notes receivable and distributions are charged directly to the participants.

***Plan Termination***

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company 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 the Plan terminates, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

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**NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

***Basis of Accounting***

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable alternative method of reporting under regulations issued by the Department of Labor. The carrying values of the Plan's investments have been adjusted to fair value as stated below with the exception of the fully benefit responsive investment, which is carried at contract value. All other transactions are recorded on the cash basis.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes and supplemental schedule. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Payment of Benefits***

Benefits are recorded when paid.

***Investment Valuation and Income Recognition***

Investments held by the Plan are stated at fair value except for fully benefit responsive investments which are stated at contract value. Fair value is defined as 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 (an exit price). See Note 3 for further discussion and disclosures related to fair value measurements.

An investment contract that meets the fully benefit responsive investment contract criteria is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for a fully benefit responsive investment contract, because this is the amount to be received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. This contract is a guaranteed general-account backed group annuity contract. An employer-level liquidation or employer initiated transfer of the plan's interest in these contracts is subject to either a 12-month advance notice or a 5% surrender charge, whichever the plan fiduciary chooses. A 5% surrender charge will also apply if the cumulative percentage of participant transfers exceeds 20% of the Plan's interest in the contract during the 12-month period immediately preceding the employer-level surrender of the plan's interest in the contract. The occurrence of these events is not probable of occurring.

The Plan Administrator is responsible for determining the Plan's valuation policies and analyzing information provided by the investment custodians and issuers, which are used to determine the investment value of the Plan's investments.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the cash basis. Dividends are recorded on the payment date. Net appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year.

***Notes Receivable from Participants***

Notes receivable from participants represent participant loans that are recorded at their unpaid principal balance. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when it is received. Related fees are recorded as administrative expense and are recorded when they are paid. No allowance for credit losses was recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

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**NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair value is defined as 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 (i.e., an exit price). The fair value hierarchy 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 and liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2 – Valuations based on inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs might include the following:

- quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (e.g., interest rates, volatilities, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.); or
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 – Valuations based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability (i.e., supported by little or no market activity). Level 3 inputs include management's own assumption about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is classified is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measure in its entirety. There were no transfers between any levels of the fair value hierarchy during the years ended December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Following is a description of the valuation techniques and inputs used for each major class of assets measured at fair value by the Plan.

*Southside Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock:* Fair value measurement of common stock is based upon the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded and is classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

*Mutual Funds and Money Market Funds:* Mutual fund and Money Market fund net asset values ("NAVs") are quoted in an active market and are classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

*Pooled Separate Accounts:* Investments in pooled separate accounts are valued at the fair value per share (unit) based upon the number of shares held by the Plan at year end as reported by the fund managers and are classified in Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. The Plan considers the fair value per share (unit) to be a readily determinable fair value which is disclosed and used as the basis for current transactions.

*Collective Investment Trusts:* Investments in collective investment trusts are valued at the fair value per share (unit) as determined by using estimated fair value of the underlying assets held in the fund as reported by the investment manager of the trust. The Plan considers the fair value per share (unit) to be a readily determinable fair value which is disclosed and used as the basis for current transactions and are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

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Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis which are held directly by the Plan are summarized below:

| <u>December 31, 2023</u>                | Level 1              | Level 2     | Level 3     | Total                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Investments at fair value:              |                      |             |             |                      |
| Mutual Funds                            | \$ 6,498,275         | \$ —        | \$ —        | \$ 6,498,275         |
| Southside Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock | 3,759,200            | —           | —           | 3,759,200            |
| Collective Investment Trusts            | 39,062,179           | —           | —           | 39,062,179           |
| Pooled Separate Accounts                | 11,252,678           | —           | —           | 11,252,678           |
| Total investments at fair value         | <u>\$ 60,572,332</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 60,572,332</u> |

| <u>December 31, 2022</u>                | Level 1              | Level 2     | Level 3     | Total                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Investments at fair value:              |                      |             |             |                      |
| Mutual Funds                            | \$ 4,739,876         | \$ —        | \$ —        | \$ 4,739,876         |
| Southside Bancshares, Inc. Common Stock | 4,416,687            | —           | —           | 4,416,687            |
| Collective Investment Trusts            | 31,610,152           | —           | —           | 31,610,152           |
| Pooled Separate Accounts                | 8,442,489            | —           | —           | 8,442,489            |
| Total investments at fair value         | <u>\$ 49,209,204</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 49,209,204</u> |

**NOTE 4 - TAX STATUS**

The Plan document was restated effective March 15, 2022 and is based on a non-standardized pre-approved profit sharing plan sponsored by Principal Life Insurance Company. The underlying pre-approved plan has received an opinion letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020, stating that the written form of the underlying pre-approved document is qualified under Section 401 of the Code. Any employer adopting this form of the plan will be considered to have a plan qualified under Section 401 of the Code, and therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualified status. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan Administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**NOTE 5 - RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Shares of the Company's common stock held by the Plan are managed by the Principal Financial Group as trustee and custodian for the Plan. The investments in Southside Bancshares, Inc. common stock at December 31, 2023 and 2022, included 120,026 and 122,720 shares, respectively, with fair values of \$3,759,200 and \$4,416,687, respectively. The Company pays administrative fees to Principal Financial Group. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions as do note receivables from participants; however, they are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA.

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**NOTE 6 - RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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

**NOTE 7 - RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits reflected by the accompanying financial statements to Schedule H of Form 5500 at December 31:

|                                                          | 2023                 | 2022                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Net assets available for benefits - financial statements | \$ 63,031,769        | \$ 51,693,297        |
| Employer match receivable                                | 2,226,459            | 2,037,815            |
| Employee contribution receivable                         | 7                    | 142,244              |
| Net assets available for benefits - Form 5500            | <u>\$ 65,258,235</u> | <u>\$ 53,873,356</u> |

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in the net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net income on Schedule H of Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023:

|                                                       |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Net increase in the net assets available for benefits | \$ 11,338,472        |
| Current year employer match receivable                | 2,226,459            |
| Prior year employer match receivable                  | (2,037,815)          |
| Current year employee contribution receivable         | 7                    |
| Prior year employee contribution receivable           | (142,244)            |
| Net income per the Form 5500                          | <u>\$ 11,384,879</u> |

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**SCHEDULE H, Line 4i - SCHEDULE (MODIFIED CASH BASIS) OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

| Identity of issue, sponsor, borrower, lessor, or similar party                                                              | Description of investment including maturity date, number of shares or units, rate of interest, collateral and par or maturity value | Current Value              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Mutual Funds</b>                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| The American Funds                                                                                                          | American Funds New Perspective R6 Fund                                                                                               | 12,659 shares \$ 708,033   |
| The American Funds                                                                                                          | American Funds New World R6                                                                                                          | 2,811 shares 210,720       |
| Eagle Financial Services, Inc.                                                                                              | Carillon Eagle Mid Cap Growth R6 Fund                                                                                                | 9,190 shares 714,559       |
| Franklin Templeton Investments                                                                                              | Franklin Small Cap Growth R6 Fund                                                                                                    | 29,370 shares 710,763      |
| JP Morgan Funds                                                                                                             | JP Morgan U.S. Research Enhanced Equity R6 Fund                                                                                      | 20,269 shares 747,941      |
| Vanguard Group                                                                                                              | Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral Fund                                                                                        | 33,187 shares 322,250      |
| Vanguard Group                                                                                                              | Vanguard Fed Money Market Investment Fund                                                                                            | 3,084,009 shares 3,084,009 |
| <b>Common Stock</b>                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| * Southside Bancshares, Inc.                                                                                                | Southside Bancshares, Inc.                                                                                                           | 120,026 shares 3,759,200   |
| <b>Collective Investment Trusts</b>                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid Income Fund Z                                                                                              | 94,291 shares 1,923,535    |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2015 Fund Z                                                                                                | 55,648 shares 1,587,088    |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2020 Fund Z                                                                                                | 61,080 shares 1,940,525    |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2025 Fund Z                                                                                                | 119,287 shares 4,141,654   |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2030 Fund Z                                                                                                | 171,904 shares 6,425,776   |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2035 Fund Z                                                                                                | 78,204 shares 3,137,550    |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2040 Fund Z                                                                                                | 104,525 shares 4,443,374   |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2045 Fund Z                                                                                                | 155,285 shares 6,928,796   |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2050 Fund Z                                                                                                | 89,255 shares 4,060,195    |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2055 Fund Z                                                                                                | 52,739 shares 2,443,397    |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2060 Fund Z                                                                                                | 77,964 shares 1,739,367    |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2065 Fund Z                                                                                                | 18,640 shares 289,113      |
| * Principal Global Investors Trust Company                                                                                  | Principal Lifetime Hybrid 2070 Fund Z                                                                                                | 161 shares 1,809           |
| <b>Pooled Separate Accounts</b>                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal Diversified International Separate Account Z                                                                               | 2,879 shares 356,936       |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal Diversified Income Separate Account Z                                                                                      | 1,215 shares 18,594        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal Global Real Estate Securities Separate Account Z                                                                           | 2,740 shares 44,188        |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal Equity Income Separate Account Z                                                                                           | 25,548 shares 1,357,158    |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal Core Fixed Income Separate Account Z                                                                                       | 35,141 shares 616,418      |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal LargeCap Growth I Separate Account Z                                                                                       | 54,763 shares 3,508,503    |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index Separate Account Z                                                                                  | 11,537 shares 3,060,497    |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index Separate Account Z                                                                                    | 6,222 shares 598,184       |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal MidCap Value I Separate Account Z                                                                                          | 4,456 shares 351,986       |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal Real Estate Securities Separate Account Z                                                                                  | 6,296 shares 513,609       |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal SmallCap S&P 600 Index Separate Account Z                                                                                  | 5,073 shares 492,268       |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal SmallCap Value II Separate Account Z                                                                                       | 6,528 shares 334,337       |
| <b>Investment Contract</b>                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| * Principal Life Insurance Company                                                                                          | Principal Fixed Income Guaranteed Option                                                                                             | 89,075 shares 1,329,123    |
| <b>Notes Receivable</b>                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| * Participant loans                                                                                                         | Varying maturity dates with interest rates of 3.25% to 8.50%                                                                         | 1,130,314                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                      | <u><u>\$63,031,769</u></u> |
| * Principal Financial Group, including associated funds and accounts, participants and the Company are parties-in-interest. |                                                                                                                                      |                            |

**Exhibit Index**

| Exhibit<br>Number | Exhibit Description                                                             | Filed<br>Herewith | Incorporated by Reference |      |             |          |
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|                   |                                                                                 |                   | Exhibit                   | Form | Filing Date | File No. |
| <b>(23)</b>       | <b>Consents of Experts and Counsel</b>                                          |                   |                           |      |             |          |
| 23                | <a href="#"><u>Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u></a> | X                 |                           |      |             |          |

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Savings Plan for the Subsidiaries of Southside Bancshares, Inc.

DATE: June 25, 2024

BY: /s/ Julie N. Shamburger

Julie N. Shamburger

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Southside Bancshares, Inc.

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|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
|     | The American Funds                                               | Registered Investment Company<br>American Funds NewPrsp R6 Fnd                                                    | \$ 0.00     | \$ 708,033.35        |
|     | The American Funds                                               | Registered Investment Company<br>American Funds Newworld R6                                                       | \$ 0.00     | \$ 210,719.55        |
|     | Eagle Financial Services, Inc.                                   | Registered Investment Company<br>Carillon Eagle MidCaGwth R6 Fd                                                   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 714,558.62        |
|     | Franklin Templeton Investments                                   | Registered Investment Company<br>Franklin Small Cap Grth R6 Fd                                                    | \$ 0.00     | \$ 710,762.84        |
|     | JP Morgan Funds                                                  | Registered Investment Company<br>JP Morgan US Res En Eq R6 Fd                                                     | \$ 0.00     | \$ 747,941.28        |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin Core Fix Inc Sep Acct-Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 616,417.71        |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin Div Inc SA-Z                                                                     | \$ 0.00     | \$ 18,593.80         |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin Diversified Intl SA-Z                                                            | \$ 0.00     | \$ 356,935.73        |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin Equity Income SA-Z                                                               | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,357,158.21      |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Insurance Company General<br>Prin Fixed Inc Guar Option                                                           | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,329,123.11      |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin GL Real Est Sec SA-Z                                                             | \$ 0.00     | \$ 44,188.07         |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin LargeCap Growth I SA-Z                                                           | \$ 0.00     | \$ 3,508,503.26      |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin LgCp S&P 500 Index SA-Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 3,060,497.61      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr Inc CIT Z                                                           | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,923,534.62      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2015 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,587,087.64      |

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| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2020 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,940,524.47      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2025 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 4,141,654.38      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2030 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 6,425,775.87      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2035 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 3,137,550.36      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2040 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 4,443,373.61      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2045 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 6,928,796.33      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2050 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 4,060,195.03      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2055 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 2,443,397.25      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2060 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,739,367.21      |
| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>Prin LifeTime Hybr 2065 CIT Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 289,112.53        |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin MidCap S&P 400 Idx SA-Z                                                          | \$ 0.00     | \$ 598,183.69        |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin MidCap Value I SA-Z                                                              | \$ 0.00     | \$ 351,985.68        |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin Real Estate Secs SA-Z                                                            | \$ 0.00     | \$ 513,608.87        |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin SmCap S&P 600 Index SA-Z                                                         | \$ 0.00     | \$ 492,267.97        |
| *   | Principal Life Insurance Company                                 | Pooled Separate Accounts<br>Prin SmCap Value II Sep Acct-Z                                                        | \$ 0.00     | \$ 334,337.16        |

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| *   | Principal Global Investors Trust Co                              | Common/Collective Trust<br>PRIN LIFETIME HYB 2070 CIT Z                                                           | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,809.38          |
| *   | Southside Bancshares, Inc.                                       | Employer Security<br>Southside Bancshares, Inc.                                                                   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 3,759,200.42      |
|     | Vanguard Group                                                   | Registered Investment Company<br>Vanguard Fed Money Mkt Inv Fd                                                    | \$ 0.00     | \$ 3,084,009.04      |
|     | Vanguard Group                                                   | Registered Investment Company<br>Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm Fd                                                   | \$ 0.00     | \$ 322,249.92        |
| *   | Participant Loans                                                | Range of Interest Rates<br>Rates Range From 3.25% To 8.50%                                                        | \$ 0.00     | \$ 1,130,314.00      |
|     |                                                                  |                                                                                                                   |             |                      |
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