

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2023</p> <hr/> <p style="font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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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:  a multiemployer plan  a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

a single-employer plan  a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**B** This return/report is:  the first return/report  the final return/report

an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

**C** If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . .

**D** Check box if filing under:  Form 5558  automatic extension  the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

**E** If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. . . . .

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS</u></p> <p><u>350 SOUTH HUNTINGTON AVENUE</u> <u>BOSTON, MA 02130-4803</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1973</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-2103597</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>617-522-7400</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>624200</u></p>

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

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

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/27/2024	KATHLEEN COLLINS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/27/2024	KATHLEEN COLLINS
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	469
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <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) ..... <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) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	76
	<b>6a(2)</b>	0
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	0
	<b>6d</b>	0
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	0
	<b>6g(1)</b>	
<b>6g(2)</b>		
<b>6h</b>		0
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
1A 1H 1I 3D

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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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**SCHEDULE A  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Insurance Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

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**

<b>A</b> Name of plan MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2103597	

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

**1 Coverage Information:**

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

<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
42-0127290	61271	823025	0	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.

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid 0	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid 5553
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid  
THE ANGELL PENSION GROUP  
88 BOYD AVENUE  
EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
	<b>(c)</b> Amount	<b>(d)</b> Purpose	
0	5553	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

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

(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

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

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

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>	
Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.		
<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b> 0
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b> 0
<b>6</b>	<b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	<b>6c</b>
<b>d</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment      (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b> 0
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>
	(2) Dividends and credits .....	<b>7c(2)</b>
	(3) Interest credited during the year .....	<b>7c(3)</b>
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	<b>7c(4)</b>
	(5) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7c(5)</b>
	▶	
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b> 0
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b> 0
<b>e</b>	<b>Deductions:</b>	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....	<b>7e(2)</b>
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	<b>7e(3)</b>
	(4) Other (specify below) .....	<b>7e(4)</b>
▶		
	(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b> 0
<b>f</b>	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ) .....	<b>7f</b> 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>		0
<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>		0
	(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>		0
	(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:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE SB</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan</b> <b>Actuarial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <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 08/31/2023

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**  
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-2103597</u>	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

**Part I Basic Information**

<b>1</b>	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>		
<b>2</b>	Assets:		
	<b>a</b> Market value .....	<b>2a</b>	<u>46375771</u>
	<b>b</b> Actuarial value .....	<b>2b</b>	<u>46375771</u>
<b>3</b>	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment .....	<u>200</u>	<u>28422112</u>
	<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants .....	<u>193</u>	<u>11571155</u>
	<b>c</b> For active participants .....	<u>76</u>	<u>7330374</u>
	<b>d</b> Total .....	<u>469</u>	<u>47323641</u>
<b>4</b>	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) .....		
	<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions .....	<b>4a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor .....	<b>4b</b>	
<b>5</b>	Effective interest rate .....	<b>5</b>	<u>5.22 %</u>
<b>6</b>	Target normal cost		
	<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals .....	<b>6a</b>	<u>0</u>
	<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses .....	<b>6b</b>	<u>204107</u>
	<b>c</b> Target normal cost .....	<b>6c</b>	<u>204107</u>

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**  
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>		
	Signature of actuary	<u>07/01/2024</u>
	<u>SIMON R. ENCARNACION</u>	Date
	Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-04718</u>
	<u>THE ANGELL PENSION GROUP, INC.</u>	Most recent enrollment number
	Firm name	<u>401-438-9250</u>
	<u>88 BOYD AVENUE</u>	Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914</u>	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

<b>Part II</b>		<b>Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances</b>	
		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
<b>7</b>	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year) .....	0	2098767
<b>8</b>	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year) .....	0	0
<b>9</b>	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8) .....	0	2098767
<b>10</b>	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-16.19</u> % .....	0	-339791
<b>11</b>	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	<b>a</b> Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year) .....		0
	<b>b(1)</b> Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.39</u> % .....		0
	<b>b(2)</b> Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return .....		0
	<b>c</b> Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance .....		0
	<b>d</b> Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance .....		0
<b>12</b>	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections .....	0	0
<b>13</b>	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12) .....	0	1758976

<b>Part III</b>		<b>Funding Percentages</b>	
<b>14</b>	Funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>14</b>	94.28 %
<b>15</b>	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage .....	<b>15</b>	94.28 %
<b>16</b>	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement .....	<b>16</b>	121.07 %
<b>17</b>	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage .....	<b>17</b>	%

<b>Part IV</b>		<b>Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls</b>			
<b>18</b> Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
<b>Totals ▶</b>			<b>18(b)</b>	0	<b>18(c)</b>
					0

<b>19</b>	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:	
	<b>a</b> Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years. ....	<b>19a</b> 0
	<b>b</b> Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19b</b> 0
	<b>c</b> Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date .....	<b>19c</b> 0
<b>20</b>	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:	
	<b>a</b> Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>b</b> If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<b>c</b> If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:	
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year		
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd
(4) 4th		

**Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost**

**21** Discount rate:

**a** Segment rates:

1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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**b** Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 0

**22** Weighted average retirement age ..... **22** 65

**23** Mortality table(s) (see instructions)  Prescribed - combined  Prescribed - separate  Substitute

**Part VI Miscellaneous Items**

**24** Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....  Yes  No

**25** Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**26** Demographic and benefit information

**a** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

**b** Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...  Yes  No

**27** If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment..... **27**

**Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years**

**28** Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years ..... **28** 0

**29** Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)..... **29** 0

**30** Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29) ..... **30** 0

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

**31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

**a** Target normal cost (line 6c)..... **31a** 204107

**b** Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a ..... **31b** 0

**32** Amortization installments:

	Outstanding Balance	Installment
<b>a</b> Net shortfall amortization installment .....	2706846	165037
<b>b</b> Waiver amortization installment .....	0	0

**33** If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_) and the waived amount ..... **33**

**34** Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)..... **34** 369144

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
<b>35</b> Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement .....	0	369144	369144

**36** Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)..... **36** 0

**37** Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)..... **37** 0

**38** Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

**a** Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36) ..... **38a** 0

**b** Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances ..... **38b** 0

**39** Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) ..... **39** 0

**40** Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years ..... **40** 0

**Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)**

**41** If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies.  2019  2020  2021

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>04-2103597</b>	

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

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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

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

THE ANGELL PENSION GROUP, INC.

04-2530412

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
11 13 49 50 99	TPA	236853	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8325	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	119154	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)

CARON & BLETZER, PLLC

04-3499945

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	ACCOUNTANT	14400	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
THE ANGELL PENSION GROUP, INC.	11 13 49 50 99	8325
(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  42-0127290	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

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

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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>PRIN GOVT &amp; HG BOND SA-Z</u>	
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	
<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)
<u>42-0127290-007</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>0</u>

  

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
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**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 plan sponsor

**c** EIN-PN

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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	313080	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>		
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	923749	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	31893342	0
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	13379282	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities .....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property .....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	1f	46509453	0
<b>Liabilities</b>			
g Benefit claims payable .....	1g		
h Operating payables .....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness .....	1i		
j Other liabilities .....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	1k	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	1l	46509453	0

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants .....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers) .....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions .....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2) .....	2a(3)		0
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities .....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments .....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants) .....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans .....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other .....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) .....	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock .....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock .....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....	2b(2)(C)	71335	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C) .....	2b(2)(D)		71335
(3) Rents .....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds .....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result .....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate .....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other .....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) .....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	<b>2b(7)</b>		583923
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		3601978
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		85364
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		4342600

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	27406643	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	<b>2e(2)</b>	22218314	
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>	848364	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		50473321
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>	200528	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	<b>2i(4)</b>	14400	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	163804	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		378732
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		50852053

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		-46509453
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: **CARON & BLETZER, PLLC**

(2) EIN: **04-3499945**

**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
<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.) .....		X	
<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.).....		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) .....		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? .....		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....		X	
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....	X		
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. ....			

**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 **677050**.

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

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

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

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 520545.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-2103597</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 42-0127290

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	238
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

**5** If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
**If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....	6b	
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) .....	6c	

**If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.**

**7** Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....  Yes  No  N/A

**8** If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....  Yes  No  N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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**9** If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ....  Increase  Decrease  Both  No

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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**10** Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?.....  Yes  No

**11 a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....  Yes  No

**b** If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....  Yes  No

**12** Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....  Yes  No

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

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

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

**15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

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

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers .....	<b>16b</b>	

**17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment.....

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

**18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment.....

**19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

**20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

**a** Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero?  Yes  No

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:  
 Yes.  
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. Other. Provide explanation.....

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** 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?  Yes  No

**21b** 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).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

**22** 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 03 / 30 / 2018 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J501779A.

<p><b>SCHEDULE MEP (Form 5500)</b></p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p>	<p><b>MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and Section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code)</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;"><b>2023</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **12/31/2023**

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit Plan number (PN) ..... ▶</p>	<p><b>001</b></p>
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<p><b>C</b> Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF <b>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Administrator's EIN <b>04-2103597</b></p>
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**Part I Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan.** All multiple-employer pension plans must complete.

**1 Check the appropriate box to indicate type of multiple-employer pension plan. (Only defined contribution plans may check lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans not checking lines 1a, 1b, or 1c should check line 1d. See Instructions).**

- a  association retirement plan (See 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- b  professional employer organization plan (PEO Plan) (See 29 CFR 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- c  pooled employer plan (PEP) (See 29 CFR 2510.3-44) (Complete Parts II and III)
- d  other multiple-employer pension plan (Describe) DEFINED BENEFIT MEP (Complete Part II)

**Part II Participating Employer Information.**

**2** All multiple-employer pension plans that are subject to section 210(a) of ERISA (see instructions for filing the Form 5500) must complete Part II, in addition to Part I, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information for each employer participating in the multiple-employer pension plan. **Defined contribution plans must complete lines 2a-2d. All other multiple-employer pension plans complete lines 2a-2c only. Complete as many entries as needed to list the required information for each participating employer that is not an individual person (see instructions).**

2a Name of Participating Employer	2b EIN	2c Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	2d Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
<b>MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS</b>	04-2103597	100.00	0
<b>WORLD ANIMAL PROTECTION</b>	04-2718182	0.00	0

**CAUTION** Do not individually list information for working owners (see instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-55(d)(2)) or other individuals who are participants or beneficiaries in the plan or arrangement that are no longer associated with a particular participating employer or participating employer plan (see instructions). Providing identifying information for individuals may result in rejection of this filing. If there are any such individuals in the plan, answer "Yes" to line 2e and provide the total information for all such individuals, without providing names or other identifying information.

<p><b>2e</b> Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners?</p>	<p><b>2e</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p><b>2f</b> If you answer "Yes" in line 2e, enter a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a during the plan year.</p>	<p><b>2f</b></p>	
<p><b>2g</b> If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a.</p>	<p><b>2g</b></p>	

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<b>Part III</b>	<b>Pooled Employer Plan Information</b>
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**Line 3.** All Pooled employer plans must answer all of the questions in Part III, in addition to completing all of Parts I and II.

**3a** Is the pooled plan provider (identified as the plan sponsor and administrator in Part II of the Form 5500) currently in compliance with the Form PR (Pooled Plan Provider Registration Statement) requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-44) .....  Yes  No

**3b** If line 3a is "Yes", enter the ACK ID for the most recent Form PR that was required to be filed under the Form PR filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid ACK ID will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)  
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For the Year Ended December 31, 2023



***CARON & BLETZER, PLLC***

*Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants*

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Certain supplemental schedules have been omitted because they are either not required or not applicable.



## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Employees' Retirement Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Employees' Retirement Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 (in liquidation) and 2022 (ongoing), and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits in liquidation for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note F to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### **Opinion**

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets which provide benefits under the plan and certified to by a qualified institution and assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAS”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

As further discussed in Notes A and E to the financial statements, the MSPCA elected to terminate the Plan on June 12, 2023, and management determined liquidation is imminent. The effective date of the plan termination is August 31, 2023. As a result, the Plan changed its basis of accounting from the going-concern basis of accounting used in presenting the 2022 financial statements to the liquidation basis of accounting used in presenting the 2023 financial statements. Our opinion is not modified in 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 GAAP, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP.

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

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

#### ***Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA***

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions (in Liquidation) for the year ended December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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 included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment 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. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the certified information in the supplemental schedule related to assets which provide benefits under the plan and certified to by a qualified institution and assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

*Caron & Bletner, PLLC*

Kingston, NH  
July 25, 2024

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STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
December 31, 2023 (in Liquidation) and 2022 (Ongoing)

	<u>2023</u> <u>(in Liquidation)</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>(Ongoing)</u>
<u>Assets:</u>		
Investments, at fair value:		
Pooled separate accounts	\$ -	\$ 923,749
Mutual funds	-	31,893,342
Government obligations	-	3,632,921
Municipal bonds	-	262,659
Corporate obligations	-	9,144,539
Collective investment trust	-	339,163
Total investments, at fair value	-	46,196,373
Receivables:		
Accrued investment income	-	119,941
Prepaid benefits	-	193,139
Total receivables	-	313,080
Net assets available for benefits	\$ -	\$ 46,509,453

The accompanying notes are an integral  
part of the financial statements.

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	2023
Additions:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 4,271,265
Dividend and interest income	71,335
Total additions	4,342,600
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	27,577,957
Annuity purchase for the provision of benefits (see Note E)	22,218,314
Payment to MSPCA	677,050
Administrative expenses	378,732
Total deductions	50,852,053
Net decrease	(46,509,453)
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year (ongoing)	46,509,453
End of year (in liquidation)	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral  
part of the financial statements.

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A. PLAN DESCRIPTION:

The following brief description of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Employees' Retirement Plan, (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for more complete information.

General

The Plan is a defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees of Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("MSPCA") who have completed one year of service and attained age 21. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA") and the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC").

As of January 1, 2010, all benefits under the Plan are frozen.

As further discussed in Note E, the MSPCA elected to terminate the Plan effective August 31, 2023.

Contributions and Funding Policy

The MSPCA's funding policy is to make annual contributions at least equal to the minimum required contribution under Section 412 of the IRC, such that all employees' benefits will be fully provided for by the time they retire. The MSPCA met the minimum funding requirements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Benefits

Normal retirement benefits are based upon a formula taking into account 2% of a participant's highest consecutive three-year average earnings less 1 3/7% of estimated Primary Social Security for each of the first thirty-five years of credited service of that participant. If a participant elects early retirement, normal retirement benefits are reduced by 5/12% for each month prior to normal retirement date.

The normal form of a benefit payment is an annual benefit, payable in monthly amounts, for life. If the participant was married throughout the one-year period ending on retirement date, the form of payment will be 100% qualified joint and survivor annuity. Actuarially equivalent optional forms of payment, such as annuities, and period certain options may be elected by participants in lieu of the normal form of payment.

If an active participant dies after becoming vested, the surviving spouse will be paid the minimum death benefit in the form of an annuity.

All Plan benefits are subject to the limitations prescribed by the Code which includes provisions that limit the amount of retirement income which may be paid to an individual participant.

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Retirement Dates

An employee's normal retirement age is the later of the date the employee reaches age 65 or the fourth anniversary of the date the participant entered the Plan. The Plan permits early retirement at age 55 provided the participant has been credited with 5 or more years of service. There is no mandatory retirement age.

Vesting

All participants are 100% vested in their benefits upon completion of 5 years of service. All active employees as of November 30, 2005 whose accrued benefits were frozen as of January 1, 2006 shall be fully vested.

Effective August 31, 2023, participants became 100% vested in all accounts as a result of the plan termination.

B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Plan has changed its basis of accounting from the ongoing plan basis used in the 2022 financial statements to the liquidation basis in the 2023 financial statements as a result of the plan termination.

Under the liquidation basis of accounting, assets are measured to reflect the estimated amount of cash expected to be collected in settling or disposing of the assets during the liquidation process and liabilities are measured using the accrual basis of accounting and would include any expected costs of the disposal of assets and other costs expected to be incurred during the liquidation process.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein; disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities; and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements, and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation

Investments are reported at fair value which approximates the liquidation value as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2022, the Plan reported investments at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. See Note C for discussion of fair value measurements.

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Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Substantially all expenses of the Plan are paid from the assets of the Plan. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments. Expenses that are paid by the MSPCA are excluded from these financial statements.

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump sum distributions, that are attributable, under the Plan's provisions, to the service employees have rendered and include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Vested benefits are benefits to which members are entitled regardless of future service with the Company. Nonvested benefits are dependent upon future services.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The more significant assumptions underlying the actuarial computations used in the valuation as of December 31, 2022 are as follows:

Assumed rate of return on investments - 7.25%

Mortality basis - Pri-2012 Totally Healthy Retiree and  
Contingent Survivor with scale MP-2021

The foregoing actuarial assumptions for the December 31, 2022 valuation were based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of December 31, 2022. The computation of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits as of December 31, 2023 reflects the August 31, 2023 plan termination.

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At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits under the Plan were:

	<u>2023</u> (in liquidation)	<u>2022</u> (ongoing)
Vested benefits:		
Participants currently receiving payments	\$ -	\$ 24,208,159
Other participants	-	<u>14,774,937</u>
Total vested benefits	-	38,983,096
Nonvested benefits	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,983,096</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the estimated changes in actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits were as follows:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at beginning of year (ongoing)		\$ 38,983,096
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:		
Benefits accumulated		7,423,803
Benefits paid		(49,119,222)
Increase in interest due to decrease in discount period		<u>2,712,323</u>
Net decrease in actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits		<u>(38,983,096)</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at end of year (in liquidation)		<u>\$ -</u>

C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

*Level 1* - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

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*Level 2* - Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

*Level 3* - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used by the Plan. There have been no changes in these methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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

*Government obligations* – U.S. Treasury notes are valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. Mortgage backed securities are stated at fair value as determined by pricing vendors using observable inputs.

*Municipal bonds and corporate obligations* – Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

*Collective investment trust* – Valued at the net asset value of units of a collective trust. The net asset value, as provided by the fund manager, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The net asset value is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value.

*Pooled separate accounts* – Valued at the net asset value of units of a pooled separate account. The net asset value, as provided by the contract issuer, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The net asset value is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value.

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The Plan held no investments that are required to be leveled within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2023.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31:

Description	2022			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 31,893,342	\$ 31,893,342	\$ -	\$ -
Government obligations	3,632,921	-	3,632,921	-
Municipal bonds	262,659	-	262,659	-
Corporate obligations	<u>9,144,539</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,144,539</u>	<u>-</u>
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	44,933,461	<u>\$ 31,893,342</u>	<u>\$ 13,040,119</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Investments measured at net asset value(1):				
Collective investment trust	339,163			
Pooled separate accounts	<u>923,749</u>			
Total investments measured at net asset value	<u>1,262,912</u>			
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 46,196,373</u>			

(1) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits in liquidation and ongoing.

The Principal Government separate account has a 90 day redemption notice period. There are no unfunded commitments.

The collective investment trust has no unfunded commitments. The Plan Administrator may withdraw money from the fund daily; however, they may be required to give a one year notice prior to redemption. The investment was redeemed in 2023.

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Accounting standards require disclosure of investment strategies for investments valued using net asset value as a practical expedient to estimate fair value if the investment does not file a Form 5500 with the DOL as direct filing entity ("DFE"). The following table discloses investment strategies for such investments as of December 31:

	2022
Investments measured at net asset value:	
Pooled separate accounts:	
Government (a)	\$ 923,749
Investments measured at net asset value (non-DFE's)	923,749
Investments measured at net asset value (DFE's)	339,163
Total investments measured at net asset value	\$ 1,262,912

a) Government pooled separate accounts invest primarily in securities that are AAA rated or issued by the US government, its agencies or instrumentalities. The investment may invest in mortgage-backed securities representing an interest in a pool of mortgage loans.

**D. TAX STATUS:**

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the sponsor of the volume submitter plan document adopted by the MSPCA by a letter dated March 30, 2018 that the volume submitter plan document and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements. The MSPCA has applied for a determination letter from the IRS. The MSPCA believes that the termination of the Plan does not affect the tax-exempt status of the Plan.

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

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E. PLAN TERMINATION:

Effective June 12, 2023, the MSPCA elected to terminate the Plan in accordance with PBGC provisions and reporting requirements. The effective date of the plan termination is August 31, 2023. All participants, including any participant who had already commenced benefit payments, were given the opportunity to receive a lump sum distribution during an election period. On November 14, 2023, the Plan entered into a contract with American United Life Insurance Company to transfer assets and liabilities associated with the annuitant participants. Prior to December 31, 2023, the Plan transferred a net amount in cash of \$22,218,314 to American United Life Insurance Company. All ongoing benefit payments beginning January 1, 2024 will be satisfied by the insurance company under the terms of the contract.

F. CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS:

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments and interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company and Principal Bank, the custodians of the Plan.

G. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS:

Section 3(14) of ERISA defines a party-in-interest to include, among others, fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan or an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan. Accordingly, the management of investments held by the custodians are considered party-in-interest transactions. Expenses paid to the custodians by the Plan qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

H. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

The plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities. 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 the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits in liquidation and ongoing.

Plan contributions are made, and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits in liquidation and ongoing are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

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I. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

The MSPCA has evaluated subsequent events through July 25, 2024, the date these financial statements were available for issuance.

J. PREPAID BENEFITS:

Amounts transferred to custodian to pay future benefit payments were recorded as a receivable at December 31, 2022.

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EIN: 04-2103597  
Plan Number: 001

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(j) - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS IN LIQUIDATION  
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(a) Identity of party involved	(b) Description of asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(g) Cost of asset	(h) Current value of asset on Transaction date	(i) Net gain (loss)
<b>Single Transactions:</b>						
Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account	Pooled separate account	\$ 21,831,025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,831,025	\$ -
Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account	"	26,824,279	-	-	26,824,279	-
Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account	"	-	22,218,314	21,990,228	22,218,314	228,086
Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account	"	-	24,504,960	24,183,330	24,504,960	321,630
Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual fund	-	17,760,062	17,574,991	17,760,062	185,071
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Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	Collective investment trust	14,016,307	-	-	14,016,307	-
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	"	-	4,142,885	4,142,885	4,142,885	-
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	"	-	9,066,964	9,066,964	9,066,964	-
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	"	7,290,357	-	-	7,290,357	-
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	"	-	8,693,930	8,693,930	8,693,930	-
US Treasury Security Stripped	Government obligation	-	2,953,698	3,121,910	2,953,698	(168,212)
<b>Series Transactions:</b>						
Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account	Pooled separate account	\$ 48,662,780	\$ 49,245,258	\$ 48,662,780	\$ 97,908,038	\$ 582,478
Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual fund	140,401	18,369,103	18,206,906	18,509,504	162,197
T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund	"	349,273	5,441,428	5,561,872	5,790,701	(120,444)
American Funds EuroPacific Growth R6 Fund	"	10,653	5,194,282	4,867,900	5,204,935	326,382
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	Collective investment trust	23,692,395	24,031,551	24,031,551	47,723,946	-
U.S. Treasury Securities Stripped Zero Coupon 5/15/25	Government obligation	1,478,505	2,129,660	2,155,148	3,608,165	(25,488)
US Treasury Security Stripped	"	2,296,433	3,522,111	3,699,476	5,818,544	(177,365)
US Treasury Bond 2/15/50	"	1,049,687	1,525,838	1,829,048	2,575,525	(303,210)



**Plan Name:** Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of  
Cruelty to Animals Employees' Retirement Plan

**EIN:** 04-2103597

**Plan Number:** 001

Schedule SB, Line 26a -- Schedule of Active Participant Data																				
YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE																				
Attained Age	Under 1		1 to 4		5 to 9		10 to 14		15 to 19		20 to 24		25 to 29		30 to 34		35 to 39		40 & up	
	No.	Avg. Comp*	No.	Avg. Comp*	No.	Avg. Comp*	No.	Avg. Comp*	No.	Avg. Comp*	No.	Avg. Comp*	No.	Avg. Comp*	No.	Avg. Comp*	No.	Avg. Comp*	No.	Avg. Comp*
Under 25	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
25 to 29	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
30 to 34	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
35 to 39	0		0		0		3	2	0		0		0		0		0		0	
40 to 44	0		0		0		1	4	4		3		0		0		0		0	
45 to 49	0		0		0		0	5	5		5		1		0		0		0	
50 to 54	0		0		0		0	3	6		6		3		3		2		0	
55 to 59	0		0		0		0	1	8		8		4		0		2		0	
60 to 64	0		0		0		0	1	2		2		0		6		5		1	
65 to 69	0		0		0		0	0	3		3		0		0		0		0	
70 & up	0		0		0		0	0	1		1		0		0		0		0	
Total	0		0		0		4		16		28		8		9		9		2	

\*The plan is "hard frozen", and average annual accrued benefits are reported in lieu of average annual compensation.

## **SECTION XII**

### **ACTUARIAL COST METHODS**

#### **Traditional Unit Credit**

The actuarial cost method used in the development of the minimum contribution was the unit credit cost method.

The normal cost is the sum of all the individual normal costs for each participant. For active participants, the individual normal cost is the present value of the benefit earned during the year being valued. For active participants whose credited service equals or exceeds the plan maximum, if any, and for non-active participants, the normal cost is zero.

The actuarial accrued liability is the sum of the individual accrued liabilities for all participants. The individual accrued liability for an active participant is the present value of the accrued benefit as of the valuation date. The unfunded liability is the actuarial accrued liability less the valuation assets.

The total annual cost of the plan is the normal cost plus an amount to amortize the shortfall amount.

#### **Projected Unit Credit**

The actuarial cost method used in the development of the maximum contribution was the projected unit credit cost method.

Under this method, the normal cost is the sum of the individual normal costs for all participants. For an active participant, the individual normal cost is the present value at the current age of the projected benefit at the assumed retirement age, based on the actuarial assumptions, divided by the participant's expected years of credited service at that age. For a non-active participant, the normal cost is zero.

The actuarial accrued liability is the sum of the individual accrued liabilities for all plan participants. For an active participant, the individual accrued liability is the product of the normal cost and the total years of credited service at the current age. For non-active participants, the individual accrued liability is the present value at the current age of future benefits. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability equals the actuarial accrued liability less the valuation assets.

**SECTION XIII**

**ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

A summary of the actuarial assumptions used in the valuation is presented below:

Valuation Assets - Market Value.

Mandated Discount Rates

1. Minimum Contribution - segment 1	4.75%
2. Minimum Contribution - segment 2	5.00%
3. Minimum Contribution - segment 3	5.74%
1. Maximum Contribution - segment 1	2.13%
2. Maximum Contribution - segment 2	3.62%
3. Maximum Contribution - segment 3	3.93%

Plan's Effective Interest Rate: 5.22%

Financial Accounting Standards Board ASC 960 Rate: 7.25%

Salary Scale – N/A

Taxable Wage Base Increase Assumption – N/A

Retirement Rates - Employees were assumed to retire at Normal Retirement Age (65)

Termination - Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Employees' Retirement Plan - Termination rates were assumed in the valuation. Employees were assumed to terminate in accordance with the ultimate rates shown below:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
20	0.0780	0.0780
25	0.0780	0.0780
30	0.0730	0.0730
35	0.0681	0.0681
40	0.0631	0.0631
45	0.0501	0.0501
50	0.0371	0.0371
55	0.0241	0.0241
60	0.0121	0.0121

**SECTION XIII (Cont.)**

Pre-retirement Mortality - IRS 2023 Male Non-Annuitant per 1.430(h) and IRS 2023 Female Non-Annuitant per 1.430(h) - Pre-retirement mortality was assumed in the valuation. Sample rates are as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
20	0.0002	0.0001
25	0.0003	0.0001
30	0.0003	0.0001
35	0.0004	0.0002
40	0.0005	0.0003
45	0.0008	0.0004
50	0.0012	0.0007
55	0.0019	0.0011
60	0.0035	0.0019

Post-retirement Mortality - IRS 2023 Male Annuitant per 1.430(h) and IRS 2023 Female Annuitant per 1.430(h) - Post-retirement mortality was assumed in the valuation. Sample rates are as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
65	0.0090	0.0064
70	0.0142	0.0103
75	0.0239	0.0178
80	0.0424	0.0326
85	0.0766	0.0612
90	0.1394	0.1136
95	0.2229	0.1893
100	0.3187	0.2825
105	0.4175	0.3834

Pre-retirement Mortality for ASC 960 – Pri-2012 Total Employee with Scale MP-2021 Generational Improvements (Male/Female)

Post-retirement Mortality for ASC 960 – Pri-2012 Total Healthy Retiree and Contingent Survivor with Scale MP-2021 Generational Improvements (Male/Female)

**SECTION XIII (Cont.)**

Rates of Disablement - Rates of disablement were not assumed.

Post-Disablement Mortality - Post-disablement mortality was not assumed in the valuation.

Administrative Expenses - Expenses of \$204,107 per annum were assumed.

Percent Married - 100% of males and 100% of females were assumed to be married.

Age of Spouse - The female spouse is assumed to be the same age as the male spouse.

SELECTION OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

Assumption		Entity Who Selects Assumption	Basis for Assumption Selection	Change in Assumption
Segment Interest Rates for Minimum Contribution	Segment 1: 4.75% Segment 2: 5.00% Segment 3: 5.74%	Prescribed by Internal Revenue Service (IRC Sec. 430(h)(2)(C))	The Funding Target Liability for Minimum Contribution is determined using three 24-month average interest rates ("segment rates"), each of which applies to cash flows during specified periods. The Plan Sponsor has elected a 0 month look back for determining these rates each Plan Year. These segment rates are adjusted by the applicable percentage of the 25-year average segment rates.	The segment 1, segment 2 and segment 3 interest rates changed from 4.75%, 5.18%, and 5.92%, respectively as of the prior measurement date, January 1, 2022, to reflect the current prescribed rates. This change increased the Funding Target Liability for Minimum Contribution as of the current measurement date, January 1, 2023, by 1.61%.
Segment Interest Rates for Maximum Contribution	Segment 1: 2.13% Segment 2: 3.62% Segment 3: 3.93%	Prescribed by Internal Revenue Service (IRC Sec. 404(o)(6))	The Funding Target Liability for Maximum Contribution is determined using three 24-month average interest rates ("segment rates"), each of which applies to cash flows during specified periods. The Plan Sponsor has elected a 0 month look back for determining these rates each Plan Year.	The segment 1, segment 2 and segment 3 interest rates changed from 0.88%, 2.61%, and 3.27%, respectively as of the prior measurement date, January 1, 2022, to reflect the current prescribed rates. This change decreased the Funding Target Liability for Maximum Contribution as of the current measurement date, January 1, 2023, by 9.44%.
ASC 960 Interest Rate	7.25%	The Angell Pension Group, Inc.	The ASC 960 interest rate is developed based on the allocation of the Plan's assets by investment class and the capital market outlook for each investment class. This information is provided by the Plan's investment advisor.	None
Pre-Retirement Mortality for Minimum and Maximum Calculations	2023 IRS P.V. Non-Annuitants (M/F)	Prescribed by Internal Revenue Service (IRC Sec. 430(h)(3) for Minimum and IRC Sec. 404(o)(6) for Maximum)	The IRS prescribes by regulation mortality tables to be used in determining minimum and maximum contributions. Those tables are based on the actual experience of pension plans and projected trends in that experience. Current prescribed tables are based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables Report, adjusted for mortality improvement using Projection Scale MP-2021.	The mortality tables changed from the 2022 IRS P.V. Non-Annuitants (M/F) tables as of the prior measurement date, January 1, 2022, to reflect the current prescribed tables. This change, together with the change in post-retirement mortality, increased the Funding Target Liability for Minimum Contribution and Maximum Contribution as of the current measurement date, January 1, 2023 by 0.42% and 0.50%, respectively.
Post-Retirement Mortality for Minimum and Maximum Calculations	2023 IRS P.V. Annuitants (M/F)	Prescribed by Internal Revenue Service (IRC Sec. 430(h)(3) for Minimum and IRC Sec. 404(o)(6) for Maximum)	The IRS prescribes by regulation mortality tables to be used in determining minimum and maximum contributions. Those tables are based on the actual experience of pension plans and projected trends in that experience. Current prescribed tables are based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables Report, adjusted for mortality improvement using Projection Scale MP-2021.	The mortality tables changed from the 2022 IRS P.V. Annuitants (M/F) tables as of the prior measurement date, January 1, 2022, to reflect the current prescribed tables. This change, together with the change in pre-retirement mortality, increased the Funding Target Liability for Minimum Contribution and Maximum Contribution as of the current measurement date, January 1, 2023 by 0.42% and 0.50%, respectively.

**SECTION XIII (Cont.)**

**SELECTION OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS**

Assumption		Entity Who Selects Assumption	Basis for Assumption Selection	Change in Assumption
Pre-Retirement Mortality for ASC 960	Pri-2012 Total Employee with Scale MP-2021 Generational Improvements (Male/Female)	The Angell Pension Group, Inc.	The Society of Actuaries published a study of retirement experience in October, 2019. The Pri-2012 tables with Scale MP-2021 generational projection presented in the study represent the most current and complete benchmarks of U.S. private pension plan mortality experience.	None
Post-Retirement Mortality for ASC 960	Pri-2012 Total Healthy Retiree and Contingent Survivor with Scale MP-2021 Generational Improvements (Male/Female)	The Angell Pension Group, Inc.	The Society of Actuaries published a study of retirement experience in October, 2019. The Pri-2012 tables with Scale MP-2021 generational projection presented in the study represent the most current and complete benchmarks of U.S. private pension plan mortality experience.	None
Disability Rates	None	The Angell Pension Group, Inc.	The incidence of disability under the Plan is negligible.	None
Withdrawal Rates	Active participants are assumed to withdraw at the following sample rates:  Age      Probability of Withdrawal after 5+ years of service 20        7.80% 30        7.30% 40        6.31% 50        3.71% 60        1.21%	The Angell Pension Group, Inc.	This assumption was set based on a review of experience under the Plan.	None
Retirement Rates	Active participants are assumed to retire at Normal Retirement Age (65)	The Angell Pension Group, Inc.	This assumption was set based on a review of experience under the Plan.	None
Administrative Expenses	Equals the amount of Plan-related expenses paid from Plan assets in the prior Plan year.	The Angell Pension Group, Inc.	Internal Revenue Service regulations require the Target Normal Cost to be increased by the amount of Plan-related expenses expected to be paid from Plan assets during the Plan year. Our best estimate of these expenses is the actual amount of Plan-related expenses paid from Plan assets in the prior Plan year.	N/A
Percent Married	100% of males and 100% of females are assumed to be married.	The Angell Pension Group, Inc.	This assumption was set based on a review of experience under the Plan.	None
Age of Spouse	The female spouse is assumed to be the same age as the male spouse.	The Angell Pension Group, Inc.	This assumption was set based on a review of experience under the Plan and general experience from similarly situated plans.	None

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

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: a multiemployer plan, a multiple-employer plan, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.
D Check box if filing under: Form 5558, automatic extension, the DFVC program, special extension, etc.
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1973
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 04-2103597
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 617-522-7400
2d Business code (see instructions): 624200

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Rows include plan administrator (Kathleen K. Collins, 8/27/2024, KATHLEEN COLLINS), employer/plan sponsor (Kathleen K. Collins, 8/27/2024, KATHLEEN COLLINS), and DFE.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number  <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>																																	
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 1A 1H 1I 3D

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<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
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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 \_\_\_\_\_
- (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   1
- (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)  **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

**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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MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

EIN: 04-2103597  
Plan Number: 001

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(j) - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS IN LIQUIDATION  
For the year ended December 31, 2023

(a) Identity of party involved	(b) Description of asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(g) Cost of asset	(h) Current value of asset on Transaction date	(i) Net gain (loss)
<b>Single Transactions:</b>						
Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account	Pooled separate account	\$ 21,831,025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,831,025	\$ -
Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account	"	26,824,279	-	-	26,824,279	-
Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account	"	-	22,218,314	21,990,228	22,218,314	228,086
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American Funds New World R6 Fund	"	-	2,470,147	2,388,338	2,470,147	81,809
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	Collective investment trust	14,016,307	-	-	14,016,307	-
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	"	-	4,142,885	4,142,885	4,142,885	-
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	"	-	9,066,964	9,066,964	9,066,964	-
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	"	7,290,357	-	-	7,290,357	-
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	"	-	8,693,930	8,693,930	8,693,930	-
US Treasury Security Stripped	Government obligation	-	2,953,698	3,121,910	2,953,698	(168,212)
<b>Series Transactions:</b>						
Principal Liquid Assets Separate Account	Pooled separate account	\$ 48,662,780	\$ 49,245,258	\$ 48,662,780	\$ 97,908,038	\$ 582,478
Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual fund	140,401	18,369,103	18,206,906	18,509,504	162,197
T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund	"	349,273	5,441,428	5,561,872	5,790,701	(120,444)
American Funds EuroPacific Growth R6 Fund	"	10,653	5,194,282	4,867,900	5,204,935	326,382
Principal/BlackRock Short Term Investment Fund S1	Collective investment trust	23,692,395	24,031,551	24,031,551	47,723,946	-
U.S. Treasury Securities Stripped Zero Coupon 5/15/25	Government obligation	1,478,505	2,129,660	2,155,148	3,608,165	(25,488)
US Treasury Security Stripped	"	2,296,433	3,522,111	3,699,476	5,818,544	(177,365)
US Treasury Bond 2/15/50	"	1,049,687	1,525,838	1,829,048	2,575,525	(303,210)

**SCHEDULE SB  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan  
Actuarial Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.**

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**2023**

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Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 08/31/2023

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

<b>A</b> Name of plan MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2103597	
<b>E</b> Type of plan: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B		<b>F</b> Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information			
<b>1</b>	Enter the valuation date:	Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>	
<b>2</b>	Assets:		
	<b>a</b> Market value.....	<b>2a</b>	46,375,771
	<b>b</b> Actuarial value.....	<b>2b</b>	46,375,771
<b>3</b>	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	<b>a</b> For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	200	28,422,112
	<b>b</b> For terminated vested participants.....	193	11,571,155
	<b>c</b> For active participants.....	76	7,330,374
	<b>d</b> Total.....	469	47,323,641
<b>4</b>	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>a</b> Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions.....	<b>4a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor.....	<b>4b</b>	
<b>5</b>	Effective interest rate.....	<b>5</b>	5.22%
<b>6</b>	Target normal cost		
	<b>a</b> Present value of current plan year accruals.....	<b>6a</b>	0
	<b>b</b> Expected plan-related expenses.....	<b>6b</b>	204,107
	<b>c</b> Target normal cost.....	<b>6c</b>	204,107

**Statement by Enrolled Actuary**  
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	<i>Simon R. Encarnacion</i>	<u>7/1/24</u>
	Signature of actuary	Date
SIMON R. ENCARNACION		2304718
Type or print name of actuary		Most recent enrollment number
THE ANGELL PENSION GROUP, INC.		401-438-9250
Firm name		Telephone number (including area code)
88 BOYD AVENUE		
EAST PROVIDENCE RI 02914		
Address of the firm		

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year).....	0	2,098,767
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year).....	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8).....	0	2,098,767
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>-16.19%</u> .....	0	-339,791
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year).....		0
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.39%</u> .....		0
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return.....		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance.....		0
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance.....		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections.....	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12).....	0	1,758,976

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage.....	<b>14</b>	94.28%
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage.....	<b>15</b>	94.28%
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement.....	<b>16</b>	121.07%
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage.....	<b>17</b>	%

**Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls**

18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:						
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	
<b>Totals ▶</b>			<b>18(b)</b>	0	<b>18(c)</b>	0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.....	<b>19a</b>	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date.....	<b>19b</b>	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date.....	<b>19c</b>	0

20	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:	
	a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:	

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

**Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost**

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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b Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 0

22 Weighted average retirement age ..... **22** 65

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)  Prescribed - combined  Prescribed - separate  Substitute

**Part VI Miscellaneous Items**

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

26 Demographic and benefit information

a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. ....  Yes  No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...  Yes  No

27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment ..... **27**

**Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years**

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years..... **28** 0

29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a) ..... **29** 0

30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29) ..... **30** 0

**Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):

a Target normal cost (line 6c).....	<b>31a</b>	204,107
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a .....	<b>31b</b>	0

32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment .....	2,706,846	165,037
b Waiver amortization installment .....	0	0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_) and the waived amount ..... **33**

34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).... **34** 369,144

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement.....	0	369,144	369,144

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35) ..... **36** 0

37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c) ..... **37** 0

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	<b>38a</b>	0
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances .....	<b>38b</b>	0

39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37) ..... **39** 0

40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years..... **40** 0

**Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)**

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies.  2019  2020  2021

**Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of  
Cruelty to Animals Employees' Retirement Plan  
EIN: 04-2103597; Plan Number: 001**

**Schedule SB, line 22 - Description of  
Weighted Average Retirement Age**

As indicated on line 22 of the 2023 Schedule SB, the Weighted Average Retirement Age is 65. Under the 2023 Plan Year, the Weighted Average Retirement Age is the same as the Normal Retirement Age.

## Appendix A

### Summary of Plan Provisions

<i>Plan Effective Date:</i>	January 1, 1989
<i>Eligibility Requirements:</i>	Service: One Year Age: 21  Plan eligibility is frozen as of January 1, 2006.
<i>Year of Service for Eligibility and Vesting:</i>	12-consecutive-month computation period in which an employee is credited with 1,000 or more hours of service.  Computation period commences on January 1.
<i>Credited Service for Benefit Accrual Purposes:</i>	Plan years starting with date of participation in which an employee is credited with 1,000 or more hours of service.  Benefit accruals are frozen effective December 31, 2009.
<i>Normal Retirement Date:</i>	The first day of the month coincident with or next following the later of age 65 or the fifth anniversary of the participant's employment dates.
<i>Normal Retirement Benefit:</i>	The difference of (i) and (ii):  (i) 2.00% of Final Average Earnings Minus (ii) 1 3/7% of estimated Primary Social Security  Final Average Earnings is determined as the highest average earnings of the three consecutive years prior to the date of benefit determination. For this purpose, earnings mean W-2 wages.  Primary old age insurance amount is determined commencing at age 65. For benefit determinations prior to age 65, Social Security is computed assuming continuation of covered earnings between the determination date and age 65.  Benefit accruals are frozen effective December 31, 2009.
<i>Normal Form of Benefit:</i>	Life Annuity. Optional forms of benefit payment are available on an actuarially equivalent basis.

*Accrued Benefit:* Normal Retirement Benefit earned to date.

Benefit accruals are frozen effective December 31, 2009.

*Early Retirement:* A participant who has attained age 55 with 5 Years of Vesting Service may retire and receive an Early Retirement Benefit. The amount of the Early Retirement Benefit equals the Accrued Benefit, reduced by 5/12 of 1% for each full calendar month in which a participant's Benefit Commencement Date precedes Normal Retirement Date.

*Late Retirement:* Participants who continue employment after their Normal Retirement Date are eligible for a Late Retirement Benefit equal to the Accrued Benefit determined at actual retirement.

*Death Benefit:* Qualified Joint & 50% Survivor Annuity.

*Vesting:* Based on Years of Service, subject to the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 5 years	0%
5 years or more	100%

Notwithstanding the above vesting schedule, a participant will become 100% vested upon reaching the Normal Retirement Date.

**SECTION V**

**AMORTIZATION BASES UNDER SECTION 430 OF THE IRS CODE**

<b><u>Type / Date Established</u></b>	<b><u>Initial Period</u></b>	<b><u>Initial Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Remaining Period</u></b>	<b><u>Remaining Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Payment</u></b>
01/01/2023	15	\$ 2,706,846	15	\$ 2,706,846	\$ 247,895*

\* The annual payment will be prorated 243/365 to reflect the plan termination effective August 31, 2023.

## **Changes In Actuarial Methods**

Automatic approval under IRS Regulation 1.430(a)-(1)(b)(5) for short plan year as a result of plan termination.