

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</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 style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">2023</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">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>1a Name of plan <u>SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>501</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>SOUTH ATLANTIC BANK</u></p> <p><u>P.O. BOX 70130</u> <u>MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29572</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>07/01/2007</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>26-1366826</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>843-839-5976</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522110</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.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/03/2024	WILLIAM T. PONCEY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	118
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	118
	6a(2)	135
	6b	0
	6c	0
	6d	135
	6e	
	6f	
	6g(1)	
6g(2)		
6h		
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
4A 4E 4R

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b 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)

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

**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**

A Name of plan SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	501
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTH ATLANTIC BANK		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1366826	

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
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
57-0287419	38520	71-85417-37	66	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.

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

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.
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4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

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

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

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

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

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	
(2) Dividends and credits		
(3) Interest credited during the year		
(4) Transferred from separate account.....		
(5) Other (specify below)		
▶		
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions:		
	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year		
(2) Administration charge made by carrier		
(3) Transferred to separate account.....		
(4) Other (specify below)		
▶		
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)	664740	
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....	9a(4)		664740
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)	1432598	
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....	9b(3)		1432598
(4) Claims charged	9b(4)		1432598
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)	58016	
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention	9c(1)(H)		58016
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)	9c(2)		
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement	9d(1)		
(2) Claim reserves	9d(2)		
(3) Other reserves.....	9d(3)		
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)	9e		

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
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	10b	

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. ▶

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
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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.

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

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

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

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

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

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

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

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	
	(5) Total deductions	7e(5)
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0

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9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)	680229
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)	
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)	
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....	9a(4)	680229
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)	750744
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)	
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c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --		
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)	
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)	59788
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)	
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)	
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)	
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)	
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)	
(H) Total retention	9c(1)(H)	59788
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)	9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement	9d(1)	
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(3) Other reserves.....	9d(3)	
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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

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	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	
	(5) Total deductions	7e(5)
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)	64145	
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....	9a(4)		64145
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)	17068	
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....	9b(3)		17068
(4) Claims charged	9b(4)		17068
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)	7057	
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention	9c(1)(H)		7057
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)	9c(2)		
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement	9d(1)		
(2) Claim reserves	9d(2)		
(3) Other reserves.....	9d(3)		
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)	9e		

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
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	10b	

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. ▶

**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).

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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2023** and ending **12/31/2023**

A Name of plan SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTH ATLANTIC BANK		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1366826

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
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
43-0908349	55697	22010061	231	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.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 1615	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

SCBEBT, LLC
P.O. BOX 533
CHAPIN, SC 29036

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
1292			3

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

THE BENEFIT COMPANY, INC.
P.O. BOX 211486
COLUMBIA, SC 29221

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
323			3

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

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

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

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

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

Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.
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4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

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

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

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

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

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	
(6) Total additions.....	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	
	(5) Total deductions.....	7e(5)
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	0

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	17790
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	10b	

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. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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A Name of plan SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	501
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTH ATLANTIC BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1366826	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) 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?
12		70253	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SOUTH ATLANTIC BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1366826

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	5914	4744
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	37111	55017
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	568434	353378
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	22008	24413
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(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	633467	437552
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	99352	112266
h Operating payables	1h	568	381
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	99920	112647
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	533547	324905

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	1322737	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		1322737
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	9091	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	523	
(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)		9614
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	587	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		
c Other income.....	2c		60020
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1392958

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	1377752	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	130974	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1508726
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	2i(1)	11158	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	73780	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees.....	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees.....	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees.....	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees.....	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees.....	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses.....	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	7936	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		92874
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		1601600

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-208642
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: SCOTT AND COMPANY, LLC

(2) EIN: 57-1021392

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
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
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	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

**South Atlantic Bank -
South Carolina Bankers
Employee Benefit Trust**

Independent Auditor's Report
on Financial Statements
and Supplementary Information

*as of December 31, 2023 and 2022
and for the years then ended*

SCOTT  COMPANY

**South Atlantic Bank - South Carolina Bankers
Employee Benefit Trust**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
South Atlantic Bank – South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of South Atlantic Bank – South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust (the “Plan”), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits and of benefit obligations as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and of changes in benefit obligations for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits and benefit obligations of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits and changes in its benefit obligations for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule H, line 4i, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

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

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

Scott and Company LLC

Columbia, South Carolina
August 30, 2024

South Atlantic Bank –
South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust
Statements of Net Assets Available For Benefits
As of December 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Cash	\$ 4,744	\$ 5,914
Investments, at fair value:		
Repurchase agreement	305,214	524,341
Certificates of deposit	48,164	44,093
U.S. Government securities	24,413	22,008
Total investments	377,791	590,442
Accounts receivable:		
Pharmacy rebates	54,262	36,049
Commissions	340	679
Accrued interest	133	123
Total accounts receivable	54,735	36,851
Prepaid expenses	282	260
Total assets	437,552	633,467
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	381	568
Total liabilities	381	568
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 437,171	\$ 632,899

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

South Atlantic Bank –
South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available For Benefits
For the Years Ended December 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions:		
Contributions	\$ 1,322,737	\$ 1,159,219
Interest income	9,614	3,543
Commissions	7,553	6,702
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	587	(721)
Change in ownership	52,467	-
Total additions	1,392,958	1,168,743
Deductions:		
Claims paid, net	1,364,838	944,270
Premium payments:		
Dental insurance	30,212	26,758
Life insurance	29,783	25,129
Long term disability insurance	14,536	12,850
Short term disability insurance	1,124	1,048
Vision insurance	6,156	5,196
Stop loss insurance	49,163	40,283
Administrative fees	92,874	82,156
Change in ownership	-	38,977
Total deductions	1,588,686	1,176,667
Net decrease	(195,728)	(7,924)
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	632,899	640,823
End of year	\$ 437,171	\$ 632,899

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

South Atlantic Bank –
South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust
Statements of Benefit Obligations
As of December 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amounts currently payable:		
Claims payable and claims incurred but not reported	<u>\$ 112,266</u>	<u>\$ 99,352</u>
Total benefit obligations	<u>\$ 112,266</u>	<u>\$ 99,352</u>

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

South Atlantic Bank –
 South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust
 Statements of Changes in Benefit Obligations
 For the Years Ended December 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amounts currently payable:		
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 99,352	\$ 88,308
Claims reported and approved for payment, including benefits reclassified from benefit obligations	1,369,516	960,685
Claims paid	(1,364,838)	(944,270)
Change in ownership percentage	<u>8,236</u>	<u>(5,371)</u>
Total benefit obligations at end of year	<u>\$ 112,266</u>	<u>\$ 99,352</u>

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

South Atlantic Bank –
South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of Plan:

The following description of South Atlantic Bank – South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a complete description of the Plan’s provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the Plan sponsor.

Unless otherwise noted, the financial statements and supplemental schedule of the Plan represent only the percentage interest of the Plan in South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust (the “Trust”), a voluntary employees’ beneficiary association (“VEBA”) trust that is a multiple-employer plan. Banks located in South Carolina that are members of either South Carolina Bankers Association (“SCBA”) or Independent Banks of South Carolina (“IBSC”) are eligible to participate in the Trust.

The Plan’s percentage interest in the Trust was 9.36% and 8.64% as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The effect of the change in ownership percentage is reflected in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and statements of changes in benefit obligations.

General – The Plan provides health and other benefits covering substantially all employees of South Atlantic Bank (the “Bank”).

Certain Plan assets are held in the VEBA trust. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”).

Benefits – The Plan provides health benefits (medical, vision, and prescription drugs) to full-time participants and to their beneficiaries and covered dependents. A full-time participant is an employee who works at least 30 hours per week and at least 48 weeks per year. The Plan also covers retirees who are at least 55 years of age but less than 65 years of age, with a minimum of 10 years continuous employment with the Bank, and who are eligible under the Bank’s retirement plan to take early retirement. The Plan also provides continuation of certain benefits upon termination of employment through the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (“COBRA”).

Insured Benefits – The Plan fully insures the vision benefit. The Plan purchases an annual insurance contract for this insured benefit. Premiums for this insured benefit is paid from the assets of the VEBA trust.

Stop Loss Coverage – The Trust has entered into a stop-loss insurance arrangement in an effort to limit its exposure for self-insured benefits on individual participant claims over \$300,000.

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South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of Plan (continued):

Self-insured Benefits – All other Plan benefits are self-insured. The claims for self-insured benefits are processed by the Plan's third-party claims processors under administrative services only (“ASO”) arrangements. The claims processors pay claims directly to or on behalf of participants and are then reimbursed by the Plan's VEBA trust. Despite the Plan's utilization of third-party claim's processors, ultimate responsibility for payments to providers and participants is retained by the Plan.

The Plan utilizes a pharmacy benefit manager (“PBM”) who periodically makes refunds to the Plan based on the Plan’s actual utilization pattern of specific drugs.

Contributions – The Bank makes monthly contributions to the Plan based on rates approved by the trustees of the Trust. Employees may contribute additional amounts for coverage of eligible dependents. All contributions are based on rates approved by the trustees of the Trust. In the event of a deficiency in the Trust’s net assets over benefit obligations, deficiencies are expected to be funded through future increases in the contribution rates as determined by the Trust.

Termination – The Trust and the participating employers have the right under the Trust to modify the benefits provided to, and contributions required of, participants, to discontinue their contributions at any time, and to terminate the Trust (and, in effect, the Plan) subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination of the Trust, remaining assets will be applied in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner toward the provision of benefits for or on account of the participants. No assets of the Plan may revert to the Trustees and the participating employers or be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefits of the Plan’s participants.

The Bank may withdraw from the Trust at any time, subject to penalties, at which time employees’ claims would be honored for an additional 180 days. The Bank must pay a run-out premium of 2.5 times the average premiums paid for the preceding 12 months in the event that the Bank withdraws from the Trust. The run-out premiums are used to pay claims received during the 180-day run-out period after the Bank leaves the Trust. At the end of the 180-day run-out period, the Bank would receive a refund to the extent that run-out premiums exceed claims paid. The Bank is not liable if the claims paid exceed the run-out premiums paid.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Bank withdrew from the Trust. The Bank subsequently paid the Trust a run-out premium of \$293,565 to cover claims that may have been in process for the 180-day period ended June 29, 2024. At the end of the 180-day period, the Bank received a refund totaling \$163,546 representing run-out premiums paid in excess of claims paid. As of January 1, 2024, the Plan ceased to exist and effectively terminated through lack of participation in the Trust.

South Atlantic Bank –
South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust
Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates – The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, benefit obligations and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Payment of Benefits – Premiums paid by the Trust are recorded as premium payments in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and represent the Plan’s share of such premiums paid to the Trust.

Stop Loss – Premiums for stop loss insurance are included in premium payments in the accompanying statements of change in net assets available for benefits. Stop loss credits totaling \$42,788 and \$25,021 in 2023 and 2022, respectively, have been netted with claims paid in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Rebates – Rebates due from the Plan’s PBM are recorded when earned. Rebates due as of the financial statement date have been reported as a receivable, with the offset being netted against claims paid. Pharmacy rebates totaling \$109,214 and \$69,547 have been netted with claims paid in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition – Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The trustees of the Trust determine the valuation policies and procedures. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Claims Incurred but not Reported – Plan obligations at December 31 for health claims incurred by active participants but not reported at that date are estimated by the Trust on the basis of past loss experience using claims data provided by the Trust’s third-party claims administrator. These amounts are reported in the accompanying statements of the Plan’s benefit obligations and are paid by the Plan only if claims are submitted and approved for payment.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Accounting Policies (continued):

Change in Ownership Percentage - The percentage interest in the Trust for the Bank is calculated on an annual basis. The percentage is a ratio of the number of employees from the Bank that are participating in the Plan compared to the total number of participants in the Trust. The annual change is shown as an addition to or deduction from net assets available for benefits and Plan's benefit obligations.

Administrative Expenses – The Plan pays administrative expenses that consist primarily of administrative fees paid to third-party claims administrators, professional fees, and investment fees. These expenses are separately reported in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Note 3. Fair Value Measurements:

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

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- 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.

South Atlantic Bank –
South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust
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Note 3. Fair Value Measurements (continued):

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. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Repurchase agreement – Valued at cost, which approximates fair value, due to its short-term maturity.

Certificates of deposit – Valued at cost plus accrued interest.

U.S. Government securities – Valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the security is traded, if available. If such information is not available, securities are valued based on yields currently available on comparable securities for issuers with similar credit ratings.

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

	<i>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</i>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Repurchase agreement	\$ 305,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 305,214
Certificates of deposit	-	48,164	-	48,164
U.S. Government securities	24,413	-	-	24,413
Totals	\$ 329,627	\$ 48,164	\$ -	\$ 377,791
	<i>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022</i>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Repurchase agreement	\$ 524,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 524,341
Certificates of deposit	-	44,093	-	44,093
U.S. Government securities	22,008	-	-	22,008
Totals	\$ 546,349	\$ 44,093	\$ -	\$ 590,442

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Note 4. Line of Credit:

The Trust has a \$2,000,000 line of credit with The Citizens Bank that matures October 22, 2025, and bears interest at 8.50%. There was no balance outstanding on the line of credit at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Note 5. Tax Status:

The VEBA trust funding certain benefits of the Plan received an exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) dated December 5, 1984, stating that the trust is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). However, as a result of the Plan’s funding policy, from time to time the trust may be subject to income taxes. No federal or state income taxes have been recorded in December 31, 2023 and 2022 for unrelated business taxable income.

In addition, the Plan and the VEBA trust are required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain the tax-exempt status of the trust. The plan administrator and the Trust’s tax counsel believe that the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the related trust is tax-exempt.

The plan administrator has determined that there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. Generally, the Plan’s tax returns remain open for three years to federal income tax examination.

Note 6. Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions:

The Trust maintains bank accounts and certificates of deposit with The Citizens Bank, Carolina Bank and Trust Company, and Pickens Savings and Loan Association. All of these institutions are participating employers in the Trust. The Trust also maintains a line of credit with The Citizens Bank, as further described in Note 4.

Members of the Trust’s board of trustees along with the Trust’s executive director are currently participants in the Trust.

As described in Note 1, the Plan has several arrangements with service providers. These transactions are party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

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 South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust
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Note 7. 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. 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 statements of net assets available for benefits.

The value of benefit obligations is reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to past loss experience and employee demographics, 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.

Note 8. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500:

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31,:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 437,171	\$ 632,899
Benefit obligations currently payable	<u>(112,266)</u>	<u>(99,352)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 324,905</u>	<u>\$ 533,547</u>

The following is a reconciliation of claims paid per the financial statements to Form 5500 for the years ended December 31,:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Claims paid per the financial statements	\$ 1,364,838	\$ 944,270
Add, amounts payable at end of year	112,266	99,352
Less, amounts payable at beginning of year	<u>(99,352)</u>	<u>(88,308)</u>
Benefits paid to participants per Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,377,752</u>	<u>\$ 955,314</u>

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Note 8. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500 (continued):

Claims and premiums that have been processed and approved for payment at year-end, but not paid and claims incurred but not reported are not considered liabilities under U.S. GAAP and, therefore, are not presented as liabilities or claims and premiums paid in the accompanying financial statements but are recorded on the Form 5500 as a liability.

Note 9. Subsequent Events:

The Plan has evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to December 31, 2023, for items that should potentially be recognized or disclosed in these financial statements. The evaluation was conducted through August 30, 2024, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective January 1, 2024, the Bank terminated its participation in the Trust as further described in Note 1. No other matters were identified that required further disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

South Atlantic Bank –
South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust

EIN: 57-0874845
Plan Number: 501

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
As of December 31, 2023

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR OR SIMILAR PARTY	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT INCLUDING MATURITY DATE, RATE OF INTEREST, COLLATERAL, PAR OR MATURITY VALUE	COST	CURRENT VALUE	
* The Citizens Bank	Demand deposit account	\$ 304,422	\$ 304,422	
* LPL Financial (The Citizens Bank)	Cash account	792	792	
	Total interest-bearing cash	<u>305,214</u>	<u>305,214</u>	
* Carolina Bank & Trust Company	Certificate of Deposit, 4.35%, maturing 9/6/24	24,348	24,684	
* Pickens Savings and Loan Association	Certificate of Deposit, 4.75%, maturing 12/13/24	23,425	23,480	
	Total certificates of deposit	<u>47,773</u>	<u>48,164</u>	
* LPL Financial (The Citizens Bank)	U.S. Treasury Note, 2.125%, maturing 3/31/24	24,606	24,413	
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Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2023</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning _____ and ending _____

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

1a Name of plan South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	501
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) South Atlantic Bank P.O. Box 70130 Myrtle Beach SC 29572	1c Effective date of plan 07/01/2007	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26-1366826
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 843-839-5976	2d Business code (see instructions) 522110

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

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

SIGN HERE		9/3/24	Carrie Harris
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:		4b EIN	
a Sponsor's name			
c Plan Name		4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5		118
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c, and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	6a(1)		118
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2)		135
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b		0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c		0
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c	6d		135
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	6e		
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f		
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1)		
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2)		
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h		
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7		

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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

4A 4E 4R

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		9b 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
(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
(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)

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 4
- (4) C (Service Provider Information)
- (5) D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

South Atlantic Bank –
South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust

EIN: 57-0874845
Plan Number: 501

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
As of December 31, 2023

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR OR SIMILAR PARTY	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT INCLUDING MATURITY DATE, RATE OF INTEREST, COLLATERAL, PAR OR MATURITY VALUE	COST	CURRENT VALUE	
* The Citizens Bank	Demand deposit account	\$ 304,422	\$ 304,422	
* LPL Financial (The Citizens Bank)	Cash account	792	792	
	Total interest-bearing cash	<u>305,214</u>	<u>305,214</u>	
* Carolina Bank & Trust Company	Certificate of Deposit, 4.35%, maturing 9/6/24	24,348	24,684	
* Pickens Savings and Loan Association	Certificate of Deposit, 4.75%, maturing 12/13/24	23,425	23,480	
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