

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 2023 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 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) _____ ☐ 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 PARAGON BANK 401(K) EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 12/01/2004
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) PARAGON BANK 5400 POPLAR AVE., SUITE 350 MEMPHIS, TN 38119
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-1022853
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 901-273-2900
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	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/30/2024	LEWIS PERKINS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/30/2024	LEWIS PERKINS
	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 ☒ 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	5 137
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) 102 6a(2) 109 6b 0 6c 42 6d 151 6e 0 6f 151 6g(1) 135 6g(2) 147 6h 9
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2H 2J 2K 2P 2T

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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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)

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 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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A Name of plan PARAGON BANK 401(K) EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PARAGON BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-1022853	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
JOHN HANCOCKLIFE INSURANCE COMPANY USA

(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
01-0233346	65838	36724	114	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
0	4266

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
BURLEIGH CONSULTING GROUP 465 JACK KRAMER DRIVE, SUITE 2
MEMPHIS, TN 38117

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
	4266	TPA FEES AND COMPENSATION	5

(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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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.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	122873
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	8118899

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

Specify nature of costs ▶

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

1866

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

119778

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

1411

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

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

7c(4)

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

155

▶ JOHN HANCOCK CREDITS TO PARTICIPANTS

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

121344

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d**

123210

e Deductions:

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

7e(1)

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

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

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

337

▶ RIA INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

337

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

122873

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 ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ 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 C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PARAGON BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-1022853

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.

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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

x

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
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE CO -USA	
01-0233346	

(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)

JOHN HANCOCK USA

01-0233346

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 28 59 60 62 63 68	RECORDKEEPER	336	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL PARTNERS

59-3331424

(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?
26	RIA	26883	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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:	
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d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER CONSERV LS			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 179730	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER MODERATE LS			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 149600	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER BALANCED LS			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 817377	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER GROWTH LS			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2212599	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH MULTIMANAGER AGGRESSIVE LS			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 155573	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK STABLE VALUE			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 954264	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FINANCIAL INDUSTRIES FUND			
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA			
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PRICE SPECTRUM INC		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8305

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO GLOBAL FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 19767

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTL EQUITY INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15537

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMER FUNDS AMERICAN BALANCED FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 130249

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN MUTUAL BEACON FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7460

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PRICE EQUITY INC		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2746

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL ALL CAP CORE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3073

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMER FUNDS GROWTH FUND OF AMERICA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 250182

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MUTUAL GLOBAL DISCOVERY		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 598

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY ADVISOR TOTAL BOND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 171093

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WASHINGTON MUTUAL INVESTORS		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 56752
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 20787
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CLEARBRIDGE AGGRESSIVE GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3064
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO SMALL CAP GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15724
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN CENTURY HERITAGE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 4156
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TEMPLETON FOREIGN SMALLER CO		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14548
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JP MORGAN US EQUITY FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 68650
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FUNDAMENTAL LARGE CAP VALUE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 15140
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLACKROCK GLOBAL ALLOCATION		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 63376
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: OPPORTUNISTIC FIXED INCOME		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 236923

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: REAL EST SECURITIES FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 54936
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HIGH YIELD FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5512
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TEMPLETON WORLD		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PIMCO ALL ASSET		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5030
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 49539
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 28076
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JH DISCIPLINED VALUE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 128598
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BLUE CHIP GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 152771
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPMORGAN MIDCAP VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 86909
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DOMINI IMPACT EQUITY FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2568

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD ENERGY FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 113939
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: ROYCE SMALL-CAP OPPORTUNITY		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 6071
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: 500 INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 524344
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK DISCIPLINED VALUE INTL		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 14689
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL APPRECIATION FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 83049
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TOTAL STOCK MARKET INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 181547
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP INDEX FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 149601
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO DEVELOPING MARKETS		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 32096
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: STRATEGIC INCOME OPP FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 61861
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESTMENT COMPANY OF AMERICA		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 11654

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DFA US SMALL CAP FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 146301
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMER FUNDS EUROPACIFIC GROWTH FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 289456
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PRICE HEALTH SCI		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 36530
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN SMALL-MID GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5726
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD EXPLORER FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 38595
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JOHN HANCOCK MID CAP GROWTH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 60174
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PRICE SCI & TECH		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 20384
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: VANGUARD SMALL CAP GROWTH INDEX		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 129027
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MFS UTILITIES FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 388
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE FUND		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JOHN HANCOCK USA		
c EIN-PN 01-0233346-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 39315

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**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan PARAGON BANK 401(K) EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PARAGON BANK		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-1022853

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.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	66	86
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	19	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	40631	82939
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	6308994	8158833
(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)	5638618	5881291
(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	11988328	14123149
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	605319	252838
j Other liabilities	1j	4572	5426
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	609891	258264
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	11378437	13864885

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)	548670	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	724955	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	740530	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2014155
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	1412	
(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)	4010	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		5422
(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)	99937	
(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)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		1023209
(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		12361
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3155084

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	593390	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		593390
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		26659
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		20693
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	1011	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	26883	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		27894
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		668636

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2486448
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: **REYNOLDS, BONE & GRIESBECK, PLC**

(2) EIN: **62-0428728**

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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		2000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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?		☒	
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?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
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.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
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 _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023					
A Name of plan PARAGON BANK 401(K) EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PARAGON BANK				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 20-1022853	
Part I Distributions					
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.					
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....				1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 01-0233346					
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.					
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year				3	
Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)					
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.					
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.					
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)				6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year				6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)				6c	
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.					
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
Part III Amendments					
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No					
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.					
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No					
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☒ No					
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☒ No					
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☒ Yes ☐ No					
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.				Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707	

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

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) 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
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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 ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	
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Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan

FORM 5500 - SCHEDULE H, PART III, 3(a)

EIN 20-1022853

PLAN NUMBER 001

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 31, 2023 and 2022



REYNOLDS BONE & GRIESBECK PLC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

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December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator
Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Memphis, Tennessee

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership 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 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits 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 audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA 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.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Schedule H, Part IV, line 4i as of 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 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 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 audit 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, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor’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 Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to 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).

Reynolds, Bone & Griesbeck PLLC

September 18, 2024

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
ASSETS			
Investments			
Participant directed investments, at fair value	\$ 8,158,833	\$ -	\$ 8,158,833
Non-participant directed investments, at fair value	5,608,174	273,117	5,881,291
Total investments	13,767,007	273,117	14,040,124
Money market account	86	-	86
Receivables			
Notes receivable from participants	82,939	-	82,939
Employer	-	-	-
	82,939	-	82,939
Total assets	13,850,032	273,117	14,123,149
LIABILITIES			
Loan payable	-	252,838	252,838
Accrued interest payable	-	5,426	5,426
Total liabilities	-	258,264	258,264
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 13,850,032</u>	<u>\$ 14,853</u>	<u>\$ 13,864,885</u>

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2022		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
ASSETS			
Investments			
Participant directed investments, at fair value	\$ 6,308,994	\$ -	\$ 6,308,994
Non-participant directed investments, at fair value	5,014,544	624,074	5,638,618
Total investments	11,323,538	624,074	11,947,612
Money market account	66	-	66
Receivables			
Notes receivable from participants	40,631	-	40,631
Employer	19	-	19
	40,650	-	40,650
Total assets	11,364,254	624,074	11,988,328
LIABILITIES			
Loan payable	-	605,319	605,319
Accrued interest payable	-	4,572	4,572
Total liabilities	-	609,891	609,891
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 11,364,254</u>	<u>\$ 14,183</u>	<u>\$ 11,378,437</u>

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Investment income			
Interest and dividends	\$ 5,422	\$ -	\$ 5,422
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,101,783	21,363	1,123,146
Total investment income	1,107,205	21,363	1,128,568
Contributions			
Employer	548,670	-	548,670
Participants	724,955	-	724,955
Rollovers	740,530	-	740,530
Total contributions	2,014,155	-	2,014,155
Other income	12,361	-	12,361
Total additions	3,133,721	21,363	3,155,084
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:			
Benefits paid to participants	620,049	-	620,049
Interest expense	-	20,693	20,693
Administrative expenses	27,894	-	27,894
Total deductions	647,943	20,693	668,636
Net change	2,485,778	670	2,486,448
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:			
Beginning of year	11,364,254	14,183	11,378,437
End of year	<u>\$ 13,850,032</u>	<u>\$ 14,853</u>	<u>\$ 13,864,885</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan December 31, 2024 and 2022

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND OTHER MATTERS

The following description of the Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan was established effective December 1, 2004 and amended and restated as of January 1, 2014, as a defined contribution 401(k) employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC), and is subject to applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan sponsor and employer is Paragon Bank (the Bank) whose parent corporation is Paragon Financial Services, Inc. (collectively, the Company)

On November 11, 2022, the Plan purchased 60,297 shares of the Company's common stock with proceeds from a loan with the Bank in the amount of \$605,319. This loan was modified on December 31, 2023 and had a balance of \$76,490 as of December 31, 2023. A second note was issued on November 1, 2023 for the purchase of 18,577 shares of the Company's common stock in the amount of \$176,348. The borrowings are collateralized by the unallocated shares of the Company stock. The Bank has no rights against the shares of common stock once they are allocated to participants in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to the accounts of employees with rights in allocated common stock (allocated) and common stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated).

Eligibility

Employees of the Bank are eligible to participate in the Plan after attaining the age of 21 or older. The entry dates for participation in the Plan are each day of the calendar year; however, if an employee has elected not to make an elective contribution within thirty days of hire date, the date of entry is the first day of next calendar quarter. Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during such Plan year or are not employed on the last working day of a Plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of the Company's discretionary matching contribution or additional ESOP contribution. The trustees and plan administrator are responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Plan's 401(k) ESOP Administrative Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the plan administrator.

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*Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan
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Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to the maximum amount allowable by law of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants may also elect to defer up to a maximum amount allowable by law of an after-tax basis to a Roth account. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company may contribute a discretionary matching contribution based on participants' contributions to the Plan. Additional discretionary amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's Board of Directors. Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company discretionary matching and additional contributions, as well as allocations of Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is vested in these contributions 100% after five years of credited service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate is set by plan administrator, at a reasonable rate of interest. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's interest in his or her account. On termination of service for other reasons, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*Paragon Bank 401(k) Employee Stock Ownership Plan
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Put Option

Under federal income tax regulations, the Company stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The first put option must be exercised by the participant within sixty days after the shares are distributed. The sales price will be the fair market value of the stock as of the valuation date immediately prior to the date of distribution. If the put option is not exercised at that time, the participant will have another sixty-day put option in the next plan year based on an updated valuation of the Company stock.

Diversification

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company stock into investments that are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account under a “qualified election period.” For each of the first five years under the “qualified election period,” the participant may diversify up to 25% of the Company stock account balance, including amounts previously diversified. In the sixth year, the participant can diversify up to 50% of the Company stock account, including amounts previously diversified. Diversification can be satisfied by distribution, transfer to another qualified plan, or transfer to a separate account for which participant can direct investments similar to the 401(k) account.

Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2023 and 2022 forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$4,059 and \$40,810, respectively. These accounts may be used to reduce employer contributions.

Plan Termination

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

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Use of Estimates

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 and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Management considers the fair value of investments to be a significant estimate. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The plan administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers and the custodian. 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. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 18, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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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 under U.S. GAAP 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.

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 maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value.

Money market account: Valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Paragon Financial Services, Inc. common stock: The fair value of the Company's common stock held by the Plan is valued at fair value based upon an independent appraisal. This appraisal was based upon a combination of the market and income valuation techniques consistent with prior years. The unobservable inputs used by the appraiser for the income valuation included: projected financial information, anticipated growth rate, and risk-free rate of return. The unobservable inputs used by the appraiser for the market valuation included: revenue multiple, forecasted financial metrics, fair value of the Company's assets and liabilities, risk-free rate of return, and market comparables.

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The valuation process involves the trustees' selection of an independent appraiser annually. Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from the audited financial statements and projected financial information of the Corporation. The appraiser prepares a report which plan management and the Company's Board of Directors review in detail and approve.

Pooled separate accounts: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units of shares held by the Plan. The NAV, as provided by the custodian, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the separate accounts, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the Plan in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Paragon Financial Solutions, Inc. common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,881,291	\$ 5,881,291
Money market account	86	-	-	86
Investments measured at net asset value	-	-	-	8,035,960
Investments measured at contract value	-	122,873	-	122,873
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 86</u>	<u>\$ 122,873</u>	<u>\$ 5,881,291</u>	<u>\$ 14,040,210</u>

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Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Paragon Financial Solutions, Inc. common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,638,618	\$ 5,638,618
Money market account	66	-	-	66
Investments measured at net asset value	-	-	-	6,307,128
Investments measured at contract value	-	1,866	-	1,866
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 66</u>	<u>\$ 1,866</u>	<u>\$ 5,638,618</u>	<u>\$ 11,945,812</u>

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, certain investments that were measured at NAV 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 statement of net assets available for benefits.

Level 3 Investments

For the year ended December 31, 2023, there were \$144,350 purchases of Level 3 investments and \$33,613 distributions of Level 3 investments. For the year ended December 31, 2022, there were \$1,308,875 purchases of Level 3 investments and \$78,965 distributions of Level 3 investments. There were no significant transfers into or out of Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

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Fair Value of Investments that Calculate Net Asset Value

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
<i>December 31, 2023</i>				
Pooled separate accounts:				
Growth	\$ 1,238,447	N/A	Daily	None
Blend	4,944,742	N/A	Daily	None
Value	1,369,077	N/A	Daily	None
Bond	483,694	N/A	Daily	None
<i>December 31, 2022</i>				
Pooled separate accounts:				
Growth	\$ 866,181	N/A	Daily	None
Blend	4,297,711	N/A	Daily	None
Value	1,034,321	N/A	Daily	None
Bond	108,915	N/A	Daily	None

4. FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT

The Plan has a traditional fully benefit-responsive group annuity contract with John Hancock Life Insurance Company (John Hancock) totaling \$122,873 and \$1,866 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. John Hancock maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than zero. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The guaranteed interest contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by John Hancock, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, (4) the failure of the Plan to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA, or (5) premature termination of the contract. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, or (4) a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the issuer.

5. ASSETS HELD BY THE PLAN'S CUSTODIAN

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, excluding the Paragon Financial Services, Inc. common stock (common stock) and Paragon Bank money market fund (money market), and net appreciation in fair value of investments, excluding net appreciation in common stock, interest and dividends, excluding interest on the money market for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, were obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by John Hancock Life Insurance Company, the custodian of the Plan.

6. LOAN PAYABLE

In 2022, the Plan entered into a \$605,319 term loan agreement with the Bank. The proceeds of the loan were used to purchase Company common stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. Shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants as payments of principal and interest are made. The agreement was modified on December 31, 2023, and provides for the remaining loan to be repaid over two months at a rate of 4.52%. The loan was paid in full on March 29, 2024.

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In 2023, the Plan entered into a \$176,348 term loan agreement with the Bank. The proceeds of the loan were used to purchase Company common stock. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loan. Shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants as payments of principal and interest are made. The agreement provides for the remaining loan to be repaid over three months at a rate of 4.19%. The loan was paid in full on June 28, 2024.

7. INCOME TAX STATUS

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 12, 2015, stating that the Plan is qualified, under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and, therefore, is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. The plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed, and being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified and tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

U.S. GAAP 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.

8. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by John Hancock. John Hancock is the custodian as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. The Plan made direct payments to investment advisors and the custodian in the amount of \$26,883 and \$336, respectively, which were not covered by revenue sharing for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan made direct payments to investment advisors and the custodian in the amount of \$23,231 and \$262, respectively, which were not covered by revenue sharing for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Plan sponsor pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

9. 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 participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Current cost	Current value
	American Century	American Century Heritage	**	\$ 4,156
	American Funds	American Funds American Balanced	**	130,249
	American Funds	American Funds Washington Mutual	**	56,752
	American Funds	Investment Company of America	**	11,654
	American Funds	The Growth Fund of America	**	250,182
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	289,456
	Black Rock	BlackRock Global Allocation	**	63,376
	Clear Bridge	ClearBridge Aggressive Growth	**	3,064
	Dimensional	DFA U.S. Small Cap Fund	**	146,301
	Domini	Domini Impact Equity Fund	**	2,568
	Fidelity	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond	**	171,093
	Franklin Templeton	Templeton World	**	-
	Franklin Templeton	Mutual Global Discovery	**	598
	Franklin Templeton	Franklin Mutual Beacon Fund	**	7,460
	Franklin Templeton	Franklin Small-Mid Growth	**	5,726
	Invesco	Invesco Small Cap Growth	**	15,724
	Invesco	Oppenheimer Developing Mkt	**	32,096
*	John Hancock	Multimanager Lifestyle Conservative Portfolio	**	179,730
*	John Hancock	Multimanager Lifestyle Moderate Portfolio	**	149,600
*	John Hancock	Multimanager Lifestyle Balanced Portfolio	**	817,377
*	John Hancock	Multimanager Lifestyle Growth Portfolio	**	2,212,599
*	John Hancock	Multimanager Lifestyle Aggressive Portfolio	**	155,573
*	John Hancock	10-Year Compound	**	122,873
*	John Hancock	John Hancock Stable Val	**	954,264
*	John Hancock	Strategic Income Opp Fund	**	61,861
*	John Hancock	Global Bond Fund	**	236,923
*	John Hancock	High Yield Fund	**	5,512
*	John Hancock	Utilities Fund	**	388
*	John Hancock	Total Stock Market Index Fund	**	181,547
*	John Hancock	John Hancock Disciplined Value	**	128,598
*	John Hancock	John Hancock Global Equity Fund	**	19,767
*	John Hancock	Fundamental Large Cap Value	**	15,140
*	John Hancock	Fundamental All Cap Core Fund	**	3,073
*	John Hancock	500 Index Fund	**	524,344
*	John Hancock	International Equity Index Fund	**	15,537
*	John Hancock	Intl Small Cap Fund	**	14,548
*	John Hancock	Small Cap Value Fund	**	39,315
*	John Hancock	Small Cap Index Fund	**	49,539
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*	John Hancock	Mid Cap Index Fund	**	149,601
*	John Hancock	John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund	**	60,174
	John Hancock	JH Disciplined Value Intl Fund	**	14,689
	John Hancock	Financial Industries Fund	**	-
	JP Morgan	JPMorgan U.S. Equity Fund	**	68,650
	JP Morgan	JPMorgan MidCap Value Fund	**	86,909
	PIMCO	PIMCO All Asset	**	5,030
	Royce Investment Partners	Royce Opportunity	**	6,071
	TRP	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Inc	**	8,305
	TRP	T. Rowe Price Equity Inc.	**	2,746
	TRP	Capital Appreciation Fund	**	83,049
	TRP	Blue Chip Growth Fund	**	152,771
	TRP	T. Rowe Price Sci & Tech	**	20,384
	TRP	T. Rowe Price Health Sci	**	36,530
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small Cap Grow Index	**	129,027
*	Vanguard	Vanguard Explorer Fund	**	38,595
*	Vanguard	Vanguard Energy Fund	**	113,940
*	Participant Loans	3.25% to 8.50% Interest	**	82,939
*	Paragon Financial Solutions, Inc.	Corporation Common Stock	4,196,677	5,881,291
*	Paragon Bank	Money Market Account	86	86
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