

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 BROOKLINE BANCORP 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004
1c	Effective date of plan 05/01/1996
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) BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC. PO BOX 179179 BOSTON, MA 02117-9179 131 CLARENDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02117-9179
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3402944
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 617-927-4848
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.	10/15/2024	EDGAR OTEIZA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ 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 1147
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) 841 6a(2) 971 6b 10 6c 315 6d 1296 6e 2 6f 1298 6g(1) 1119 6g(2) 1273 6h 0
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:

2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3H 3D 2R 2E

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 0
- (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 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
		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 BROOKLINE BANCORP 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3402944	

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 ☐ 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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL
04-2647786

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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)

GLOBAL RETIREMENT PARTNERS LLC

47-1411118

(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?
27	ADVISOR	112045	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

STRATEGIC ADVISORS, INC.

04-2654524

(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?
27	ADVISOR	41778	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	-120561	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	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
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
AB LG CAP GRTH A - ALLIANCEBERNSTE 18, RUE EUGNE RUPPERT LUXEMBOURG, LU L-245 LU	0.50%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
CBA LG CAP GR I - FRANKLIN TEMPLET 94-3167260	0.15%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
GALLIARD STBLE RTN M 800 LASALLE AVENUE SUITE 1400 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402	0.25%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM MID CAP GRTH I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMARTRET INC I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMRTRET 2020 I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMRTRET 2025 I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMRTRET 2030 I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMRTRET 2035 I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMRTRET 2040 I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMRTRET 2045 I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMRTRET 2050 I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMRTRET 2055 I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JPM SMRTRET 2060 I - DST ASSET MAN 430 W 7TH STREET STE 219432 KANSAS CITY, MO 64105	0.25%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
METWEST TOT RTN BD I - BNY MELLON 500 ROSS STREET 15253-4426 PITTSBURGH, PA 53442	0.10%	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
MFS MID CAP VALUE R3 - MFS SERVICE 04-2865649	0.50%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
MFS VALUE R3 - MFS SERVICE CENTER 04-2865649	0.50%	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE 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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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3402944	
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: GALLIARD STBLE RTN M					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.					
c EIN-PN 94-6751924-001		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 7321918	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
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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 BROOKLINE BANCORP 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3402944	

Part I Asset and Liability Statement			
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	26356	1363573
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	116707	132235
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	1872982	2390532
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	9201678	7321918
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	99951558	134865912
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	0
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	111169281	146074170
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	111169281	146074170

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)	4630044	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	8100725	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	7865559	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		20596328
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	10596	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	134181	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		144777
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	3576	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	3456341	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		3459917
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	52	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	11952	
(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)		197437
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		18715907
c Other income	2c		93367
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		43219737

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	8175772	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		8175772
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		12447
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	600	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	-27794	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	153823	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		126629
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		8314848

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		34904889
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP**

(2) EIN: **27-1728945**

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?	☒		5000000
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?	☒		899
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.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan BROOKLINE BANCORP 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3402944	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1	Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2	Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 04-6568107		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.			
3	Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

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.)
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4	Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.				
5	If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
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
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9	If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10	Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11	a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
	b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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(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)	14a	
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)	14b	
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)	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	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	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	16a	
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	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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

Independent Auditors' Report

Trustees and Participants Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. 401(k) (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 audits of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. 401(k) 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 Auditors' 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 these 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

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 H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) 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 audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. 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 their 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, is 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).

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

October 11, 2024

Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 143,683,638</u>	<u>\$ 109,296,299</u>
Receivables		
Employer contributions	219,405	196,952
Notes receivable from participants	<u>2,390,532</u>	<u>1,872,982</u>
Total Receivables	<u>2,609,937</u>	<u>2,069,934</u>
Total Assets	146,293,575	111,366,233
LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 146,293,575</u>	<u>\$ 111,366,233</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2023

ADDITIONS

Contributions	
Participants	\$ 8,100,725
Employer	4,652,497
Rollovers	<u>7,865,559</u>
Total Contributions	<u>20,618,781</u>
Investment Income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	18,931,505
Interest and dividend income	<u>3,464,358</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>22,395,863</u>
Interest on notes receivable from participants	<u>134,181</u>
Other income	<u>93,367</u>
Total Additions	<u>43,242,192</u>

DEDUCTIONS

Benefits paid to participants	8,175,773
Deemed distributions	12,447
Administrative expenses	<u>126,630</u>
Total Deductions	<u>8,314,850</u>
Net Increase	34,927,342

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Beginning of year	<u>111,366,233</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 146,293,575</u>

Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements
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1. Description of Plan

The following brief description of the Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for more complete information.

General

The Plan was established for the benefit of the employees of Bank Rhode Island (the “Bank”), effective May 1, 1996. Bank Rhode Island was acquired by Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the “Parent”) in 2011. Effective January 1, 2015, the Parent’s 401(k) Plan merged into the Bank’s 401(k) Plan, with the merged plan renamed Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan. Accordingly, all assets are managed by a single trustee who has assumed all administrative duties for the Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan participant balances. In accordance with the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) Cycle 3 restatement requirement, the Plan was restated effective May 27, 2021.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiaries (“Plan Sponsor”). Employees who elect to contribute to the Plan must meet the service requirements of the Plan, as explained below. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plan is administered by the Parent and the assets of the Plan are held and invested by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the “Trustee”).

Eligibility

Employees who are 21 years of age are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the month following the date the eligibility requirements are satisfied. Effective January 1, 2015, the Plan implemented an auto enrollment feature that will result in eligible participants being enrolled in the Plan three months after meeting the eligibility requirements with a deferral rate of 3% of pretax annual compensation unless another option is elected by the participant.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of their eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed annual limitations as provided by the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”), on a pre-tax or after-tax (Roth) basis. Participants may contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover contributions). The Plan also provides for participant catch-up contributions.

Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the “Plan Sponsor”) matches, under safe harbor provisions, participant contributions equal to 100% of each participant’s contributions, up to a maximum of 5% of the participant’s eligible compensation. The Plan also allows for the Plan Sponsor to make discretionary employer contributions. No such discretionary employer matching contributions were made during the year ended December 31, 2023.

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1. Description of Plan (*continued*)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the corresponding employer matching contribution and an allocation of Plan earnings. Allocations are based upon account balances. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their salary deferral contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting for employer safe harbor and discretionary contributions and associated earnings is immediate upon entering the Plan.

Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement of service, disability, or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum distribution or payment in various forms of installment payments of his/her account. In the event of death, benefits are payable to the participant's surviving spouse or designated beneficiary. Participants are entitled to receive distributions if a financial hardship exists. Financial hardship means an immediate financial need of a participant to meet extraordinary and emergency expenses.

Plan Expenses

The Plan Sponsor and the Plan participants share in Plan expenses. Certain Plan expenses are deducted from participants' accounts or investment income.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts 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 and bear interest at a rate equal to prime rate plus 1% at the date of loan issuance. Loans are repayable over a period of up to five years, unless used for the purchase of a primary residence. Principal and interest are paid ratably through weekly or bi-weekly payroll deductions depending upon the participating employee's payroll cycle.

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1. Description of Plan (*continued*)

Forfeitures

Under the Parent's pre-merger employee benefit plan, employer matching and profit sharing contributions had a three-year cliff vesting schedule. Upon merger of the plans, all nonvested accounts for participants not employed by the Parent at January 1, 2015 were forfeited and maintained in separate non-vested forfeiture accounts within the Plan. Forfeited nonvested accounts may be used to reduce administrative expenses. Forfeitures of \$1,367 were used to reduce Plan Sponsor contributions or pay administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023. At December 31, 2023 and 2022 forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$22,232 and \$22,447.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Fair Value Measurements

The Plan follows U.S. GAAP guidance on *Fair Value Measurements* which defines fair value and establishes a fair value hierarchy organized into three levels based upon the input assumptions used in pricing assets. Level 1 inputs have the highest reliability and are related to assets with unadjusted quoted prices in active markets. Level 2 inputs relate to assets with other than quoted prices in active markets which may include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or other inputs which can be corroborated by observable market data. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and are used to the extent that observable inputs do not exist.

Pursuant to U.S. GAAP guidance, alternative investments where fair value is measured using the net asset value ("NAV") per share as a practical expedient is not categorized within the fair value hierarchy.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Common stock in the brokerage account is valued at the daily closing price as reported by the major exchange upon which the stock is traded. Mutual funds held by the Plan are valued at fair value based on the daily closing price as reported by the funds. All of the mutual funds are open-ended and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These mutual funds are deemed to be actively traded. These mutual funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The common/collective trust is valued at the NAV, as provided by the trustee, which is used as a practical expedient based on the fund's underlying investments and as a result is not categorized within the fair value hierarchy. The 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.

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.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of the Plan are paid by the Plan Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events Evaluation by Management

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure and/or recognition in the financial statements through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, which date is October 11, 2024.

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3. Information Certified (Unaudited)

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) including investments held including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, a qualified institution.

4. Investments

The following are the major categories of investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, grouped within the fair value hierarchy:

	2023		
		Other Investments Measured at NAV *	Total
	Level 1		
Mutual funds	\$ 136,211,637	\$ -	\$ 136,211,637
Brokerage accounts	150,083	-	150,083
Common/collective trust	-	7,321,918	7,321,918
	<u>\$ 136,361,720</u>	<u>\$ 7,321,918</u>	<u>\$ 143,683,638</u>
	2022		
		Other Investments Measured at NAV *	Total
	Level 1		
Mutual funds	\$ 99,960,922	\$ -	\$ 99,960,922
Brokerage accounts	133,699	-	133,699
Common/collective trust	-	9,201,678	9,201,678
	<u>\$ 100,094,621</u>	<u>\$ 9,201,678</u>	<u>\$ 109,296,299</u>

(*) As discussed in Note 2, investments that are measured using the practical expedient are not classified within the fair value hierarchy.

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5. Common/Collective Trust

The Galliard Stable Return Fund M ("Galliard") is a common/collective trust. The Fund primarily invests in investment contracts, including security-backed contracts issued by insurance companies and other financial institutions.

The Galliard Fund is designed to pay all permitted unitholder-initiated transactions at NAV. Permitted unitholder-initiated transactions are those transactions allowed by the underlying defined contribution plans (typically this would include withdrawals for benefits, loans, or transfers to non-competing portfolios within the Plan) excluding certain withdrawals that are deemed to be caused by the actions of the Plan Sponsor. The wrap contracts limit the ability of the Galliard Fund to transact at NAV upon the occurrence of certain Plan Sponsor events. These events include: the Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) or Section 401(k) of the IRC; the establishment of a defined contribution plan that competes with the Plan for employee contributions; any substantive modification of the Galliard Fund or the administration of the Galliard Fund that is not consented to by the wrap issuer; any change in law, regulation or administrative ruling applicable to the Plan that could have a material adverse effect on the Galliard Fund's cash flow; any communication given to unitholders by the Plan Sponsor, any other Plan fiduciary that is designed to induce or influence unitholders not to invest in the portfolio or to transfer assets out of the portfolio; any transfer of assets from the portfolio directly to a competing investment option.

NAV per unit is determined each business day. Issues and redemptions of units are recorded, upon receipt of unitholder's instructions in good order, based on the next determined NAV per unit normally each day. In unusual market conditions, the trustee may impose restrictions on issues and redemptions of units. The Plan has no unfunded commitments to Galliard Fund at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

6. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts.

7. Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by the Trustee, as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

Participants who are active employees may borrow from their accounts and such loans qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. These loans are recorded as notes receivable from participants in the statements of net assets available for benefits. Additionally, certain investment offerings of the Plan pay a quarterly revenue credit to participants holding such investments, with such credit reported as other additions in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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8. Tax Status

The IRS has determined and informed the prototype plan document preparer by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The plan administrator believes the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

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 than likely would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is 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.

Global and domestic economic uncertainty has resulted in significant volatility in financial markets. This volatility has affected and may continue to affect the value of the Plan's net assets available for benefits. The effects of economic and market conditions subsequent to December 31, 2023 are not reflected in these financial statements.

10. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

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

	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 146,293,575	\$ 111,366,233
Less: Current year employer contribution receivable	<u>(219,405)</u>	<u>(196,952)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 146,074,170</u>	<u>\$ 111,169,281</u>

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Employer contributions per the financial statements	\$ 4,652,497
Less: Current year employer contribution receivable	(219,405)
Add: Prior year employer contribution receivable	<u>196,952</u>
Total employer contributions per Form 5500	<u>\$ 4,630,044</u>

Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2023

Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

Schedule Pursuant to Department of Labor Requirements
December 31, 2023

Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

EIN #: 04-3402944
Plan #: 004

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(e) Current Value
	MUTUAL FUNDS	SHARES / UNITS	
*	Fidelity Investments 500 Index Fund Investor Class	143,291	\$ 23,713,185
*	Fidelity Investments Contrafund	1,103,680	17,758,208
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2030 Fund Class I	613,897	10,810,731
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2025 Fund Class I	497,180	7,984,705
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2035 Fund Class I	333,505	6,169,847
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	COMMON/COLLECTIVE TRUST		
	Galliard Stable Return Fund M	131,100	<u>7,321,918</u>
	Total Investments, at fair value		143,683,638
*	NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 6.50% with maturity dates through 2050	<u>2,390,532</u>
			\$ <u>146,074,170</u>

* Denotes a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

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Independent Auditors' Report

Trustees and Participants Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. 401(k) (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 audits of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. 401(k) 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 Auditors' 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 these 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

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 H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) 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 audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. 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 their 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, is 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).

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

October 11, 2024

Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 143,683,638</u>	<u>\$ 109,296,299</u>
Receivables		
Employer contributions	219,405	196,952
Notes receivable from participants	<u>2,390,532</u>	<u>1,872,982</u>
Total Receivables	<u>2,609,937</u>	<u>2,069,934</u>
Total Assets	146,293,575	111,366,233
LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 146,293,575</u>	<u>\$ 111,366,233</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2023

ADDITIONS

Contributions	
Participants	\$ 8,100,725
Employer	4,652,497
Rollovers	<u>7,865,559</u>
Total Contributions	<u>20,618,781</u>
Investment Income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	18,931,505
Interest and dividend income	<u>3,464,358</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>22,395,863</u>
Interest on notes receivable from participants	<u>134,181</u>
Other income	<u>93,367</u>
Total Additions	<u>43,242,192</u>

DEDUCTIONS

Benefits paid to participants	8,175,773
Deemed distributions	12,447
Administrative expenses	<u>126,630</u>
Total Deductions	<u>8,314,850</u>
Net Increase	34,927,342

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Beginning of year	<u>111,366,233</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 146,293,575</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements
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1. Description of Plan

The following brief description of the Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for more complete information.

General

The Plan was established for the benefit of the employees of Bank Rhode Island (the “Bank”), effective May 1, 1996. Bank Rhode Island was acquired by Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the “Parent”) in 2011. Effective January 1, 2015, the Parent’s 401(k) Plan merged into the Bank’s 401(k) Plan, with the merged plan renamed Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan. Accordingly, all assets are managed by a single trustee who has assumed all administrative duties for the Brookline Bancorp 401(k) Plan participant balances. In accordance with the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) Cycle 3 restatement requirement, the Plan was restated effective May 27, 2021.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. and its subsidiaries (“Plan Sponsor”). Employees who elect to contribute to the Plan must meet the service requirements of the Plan, as explained below. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The Plan is administered by the Parent and the assets of the Plan are held and invested by Fidelity Management Trust Company (the “Trustee”).

Eligibility

Employees who are 21 years of age are eligible to participate in the Plan on the first day of the month following the date the eligibility requirements are satisfied. Effective January 1, 2015, the Plan implemented an auto enrollment feature that will result in eligible participants being enrolled in the Plan three months after meeting the eligibility requirements with a deferral rate of 3% of pretax annual compensation unless another option is elected by the participant.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 75% of their eligible compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed annual limitations as provided by the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”), on a pre-tax or after-tax (Roth) basis. Participants may contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans (rollover contributions). The Plan also provides for participant catch-up contributions.

Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (the “Plan Sponsor”) matches, under safe harbor provisions, participant contributions equal to 100% of each participant’s contributions, up to a maximum of 5% of the participant’s eligible compensation. The Plan also allows for the Plan Sponsor to make discretionary employer contributions. No such discretionary employer matching contributions were made during the year ended December 31, 2023.

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1. Description of Plan (*continued*)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the corresponding employer matching contribution and an allocation of Plan earnings. Allocations are based upon account balances. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their salary deferral contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting for employer safe harbor and discretionary contributions and associated earnings is immediate upon entering the Plan.

Payment of Benefits

Upon retirement of service, disability, or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum distribution or payment in various forms of installment payments of his/her account. In the event of death, benefits are payable to the participant's surviving spouse or designated beneficiary. Participants are entitled to receive distributions if a financial hardship exists. Financial hardship means an immediate financial need of a participant to meet extraordinary and emergency expenses.

Plan Expenses

The Plan Sponsor and the Plan participants share in Plan expenses. Certain Plan expenses are deducted from participants' accounts or investment income.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts 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 and bear interest at a rate equal to prime rate plus 1% at the date of loan issuance. Loans are repayable over a period of up to five years, unless used for the purchase of a primary residence. Principal and interest are paid ratably through weekly or bi-weekly payroll deductions depending upon the participating employee's payroll cycle.

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1. Description of Plan (*continued*)

Forfeitures

Under the Parent's pre-merger employee benefit plan, employer matching and profit sharing contributions had a three-year cliff vesting schedule. Upon merger of the plans, all nonvested accounts for participants not employed by the Parent at January 1, 2015 were forfeited and maintained in separate non-vested forfeiture accounts within the Plan. Forfeited nonvested accounts may be used to reduce administrative expenses. Forfeitures of \$1,367 were used to reduce Plan Sponsor contributions or pay administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023. At December 31, 2023 and 2022 forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$22,232 and \$22,447.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Fair Value Measurements

The Plan follows U.S. GAAP guidance on *Fair Value Measurements* which defines fair value and establishes a fair value hierarchy organized into three levels based upon the input assumptions used in pricing assets. Level 1 inputs have the highest reliability and are related to assets with unadjusted quoted prices in active markets. Level 2 inputs relate to assets with other than quoted prices in active markets which may include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or other inputs which can be corroborated by observable market data. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and are used to the extent that observable inputs do not exist.

Pursuant to U.S. GAAP guidance, alternative investments where fair value is measured using the net asset value ("NAV") per share as a practical expedient is not categorized within the fair value hierarchy.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Common stock in the brokerage account is valued at the daily closing price as reported by the major exchange upon which the stock is traded. Mutual funds held by the Plan are valued at fair value based on the daily closing price as reported by the funds. All of the mutual funds are open-ended and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These mutual funds are deemed to be actively traded. These mutual funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The common/collective trust is valued at the NAV, as provided by the trustee, which is used as a practical expedient based on the fund's underlying investments and as a result is not categorized within the fair value hierarchy. The 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.

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.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of the Plan are paid by the Plan Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events Evaluation by Management

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure and/or recognition in the financial statements through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, which date is October 11, 2024.

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3. Information Certified (Unaudited)

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) including investments held including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Fidelity Management Trust Company, a qualified institution.

4. Investments

The following are the major categories of investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, grouped within the fair value hierarchy:

	2023		
		Other Investments Measured at NAV *	Total
	Level 1		
Mutual funds	\$ 136,211,637	\$ -	\$ 136,211,637
Brokerage accounts	150,083	-	150,083
Common/collective trust	-	7,321,918	7,321,918
	<u>\$ 136,361,720</u>	<u>\$ 7,321,918</u>	<u>\$ 143,683,638</u>
	2022		
		Other Investments Measured at NAV *	Total
	Level 1		
Mutual funds	\$ 99,960,922	\$ -	\$ 99,960,922
Brokerage accounts	133,699	-	133,699
Common/collective trust	-	9,201,678	9,201,678
	<u>\$ 100,094,621</u>	<u>\$ 9,201,678</u>	<u>\$ 109,296,299</u>

(*) As discussed in Note 2, investments that are measured using the practical expedient are not classified within the fair value hierarchy.

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5. Common/Collective Trust

The Galliard Stable Return Fund M ("Galliard") is a common/collective trust. The Fund primarily invests in investment contracts, including security-backed contracts issued by insurance companies and other financial institutions.

The Galliard Fund is designed to pay all permitted unitholder-initiated transactions at NAV. Permitted unitholder-initiated transactions are those transactions allowed by the underlying defined contribution plans (typically this would include withdrawals for benefits, loans, or transfers to non-competing portfolios within the Plan) excluding certain withdrawals that are deemed to be caused by the actions of the Plan Sponsor. The wrap contracts limit the ability of the Galliard Fund to transact at NAV upon the occurrence of certain Plan Sponsor events. These events include: the Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) or Section 401(k) of the IRC; the establishment of a defined contribution plan that competes with the Plan for employee contributions; any substantive modification of the Galliard Fund or the administration of the Galliard Fund that is not consented to by the wrap issuer; any change in law, regulation or administrative ruling applicable to the Plan that could have a material adverse effect on the Galliard Fund's cash flow; any communication given to unitholders by the Plan Sponsor, any other Plan fiduciary that is designed to induce or influence unitholders not to invest in the portfolio or to transfer assets out of the portfolio; any transfer of assets from the portfolio directly to a competing investment option.

NAV per unit is determined each business day. Issues and redemptions of units are recorded, upon receipt of unitholder's instructions in good order, based on the next determined NAV per unit normally each day. In unusual market conditions, the trustee may impose restrictions on issues and redemptions of units. The Plan has no unfunded commitments to Galliard Fund at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

6. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Plan Sponsor has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their accounts.

7. Party-in-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by the Trustee, as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

Participants who are active employees may borrow from their accounts and such loans qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. These loans are recorded as notes receivable from participants in the statements of net assets available for benefits. Additionally, certain investment offerings of the Plan pay a quarterly revenue credit to participants holding such investments, with such credit reported as other additions in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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8. Tax Status

The IRS has determined and informed the prototype plan document preparer by a letter dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The plan administrator believes the Plan is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

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 than likely would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is 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.

Global and domestic economic uncertainty has resulted in significant volatility in financial markets. This volatility has affected and may continue to affect the value of the Plan's net assets available for benefits. The effects of economic and market conditions subsequent to December 31, 2023 are not reflected in these financial statements.

10. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

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

	2023	2022
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 146,293,575	\$ 111,366,233
Less: Current year employer contribution receivable	<u>(219,405)</u>	<u>(196,952)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 146,074,170</u>	<u>\$ 111,169,281</u>

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Employer contributions per the financial statements	\$ 4,652,497
Less: Current year employer contribution receivable	(219,405)
Add: Prior year employer contribution receivable	<u>196,952</u>
Total employer contributions per Form 5500	<u>\$ 4,630,044</u>

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Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2023

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Schedule Pursuant to Department of Labor Requirements
December 31, 2023

Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

EIN #: 04-3402944
Plan #: 004

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(e) Current Value
	MUTUAL FUNDS	SHARES / UNITS	
*	Fidelity Investments 500 Index Fund Investor Class	143,291	\$ 23,713,185
*	Fidelity Investments Contrafund	1,103,680	17,758,208
	JPMorgan SmartRetirement 2030 Fund Class I	613,897	10,810,731
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	Galliard Stable Return Fund M	131,100	<u>7,321,918</u>
	Total Investments, at fair value		143,683,638
*	NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 6.50% with maturity dates through 2050	<u>2,390,532</u>
			\$ <u>146,074,170</u>

* Denotes a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.