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| <p>Form 5500</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p> | <p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 04/24/2024

A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

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| <p>1a Name of plan <u>PARTNERS BANCORP 401K PLAN</u></p> | <p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>003</u></p> |
| <p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>PARTNERS BANCORP</u></p> <p><u>200 EAST MARKET STREET</u> <u>LAUREL, DE 19956-1535</u></p> | <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1988</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1559535</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>302-875-5901</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522110</u></p> |

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

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

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 01/22/2025 | ANGELA HILL |
| | 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 |

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number | |
| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | |
| | 4d PN | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 237 |
| 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) | 11 |
| | 6a(2) | 0 |
| | 6b | 0 |
| | 6c | 0 |
| | 6d | 0 |
| | 6e | 0 |
| | 6f | 0 |
| | 6g(1) | 292 |
| 6g(2) | 0 | |
| 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:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 2T 3D

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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| <p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **04/24/2024**

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| <p>A Name of plan PARTNERS BANCORP 401K PLAN</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p> | <p>003</p> |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PARTNERS BANCORP</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1559535</p> | |

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
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| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
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| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 71-0294708 | 86509 | YH4487 | 0 | 01/01/2024 | 04/24/2024 |

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

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

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

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

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

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

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

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

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

b Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 729623

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| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | 0 | |
| (2) Dividends and credits..... | 7c(2) | 0 | |
| (3) Interest credited during the year..... | 7c(3) | 1621 | |
| (4) Transferred from separate account | 7c(4) | 22153 | |
| (5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ * | 7c(5) | 0 | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 23774 | |

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 753397

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| e Deductions: | | | |
| (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | 752770 | |
| (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... | 7e(2) | 627 | |
| (3) Transferred to separate account | 7e(3) | 0 | |
| (4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ * | 7e(4) | 0 | |

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 753397

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

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| A Name of plan PARTNERS BANCORP 401K PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 003 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PARTNERS BANCORP | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1559535 | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 26 | SERVICE PROVIDER | 11383 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

| (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? |
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| | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| N1 ADVISORS | 99 | 26484 |
| (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. | |
| VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUI 71-0294708 | OTHER FEES | |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| Part III | Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions) (complete as many entries as needed) |
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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |
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| SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| A Name of plan <u>PARTNERS BANCORP 401K PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>003</u> |
| C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PARTNERS BANCORP</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1559535</u> | |

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| Part I | Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
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| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>VARIABLE ANNUITY ACCOUNT D</u> | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY CO</u> | | |
| c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</u> | d Entity code <u>P</u> | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u> |
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| 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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| 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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| 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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| 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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| 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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| 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:

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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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| SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 04/24/2024 | |
| A Name of plan PARTNERS BANCORP 401K PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PARTNERS BANCORP | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-1559535 |

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

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

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | | |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 11246644 | 0 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | | |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | | |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | | |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 11246644 | 0 |

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

| Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 0 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | 154 | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 154 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | 0 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | 205041 |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | |
| c Other income | 2c | | 1621 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 206816 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 11442078 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 11442078 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 8590 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | 131 | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses | 2i(11) | 2661 | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 11382 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 11453460 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

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| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | -11246644 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: HACKER, JOHNSON, & SMITH P.A

(2) EIN: 59-2153385

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

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

| | Yes | No | Amount |
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| a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) | | X | |
| b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.) | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 500000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | | X | |
| g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser? | | X | |
| i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | | X | |
| j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.) | | X | |
| k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? | | X | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | | X | |
| n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3. | | | |

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year 0.

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

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

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| SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 04/24/2024

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| A Name of plan <u>PARTNERS BANCORP 401K PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>003</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PARTNERS BANCORP</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1559535</u> | |

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

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| 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): <u>71-0294708</u> | | |
| Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3. | | |
| 3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year | 3 | |

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| Part II | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
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| 4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8. | | | |
| 5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule. | | | |
| 6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) | 6a | | |
| b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year | 6b | | |
| c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)..... | 6c | | |
| If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9. | | | |
| 7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| 8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

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| Part III | Amendments |
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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..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| Part IV | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
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| 10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

| | | |
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| 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702844A.

PARTNERS BANCORP 401(k) PLAN

Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Financial Statements and Supplementary Schedule

At April 24, 2024 (In Liquidation) and December 31, 2023 (In Liquidation)
and for the Period from January 1, 2024 to April 24, 2024 (In Liquidation)

(Together with Independent Auditor's Report)



Independent Auditor's Report

The Plan Administrator of
Partners Bancorp 401(k) Plan
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Partners Bancorp 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of April 24, 2024 and December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period from January 1, 2024 to April 24, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 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 April 24, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and for the period from January 1, 2024 to April 24, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Emphasis of Matter — Plan Termination and Liquidation Basis of Accounting

As further discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Board of Directors of the Partners Bancorp, the plan's sponsor, voted in November of 2023 to terminate the Plan. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Plan used the liquidation basis in presenting the financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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 a period of one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

Hacker, Johnson & Smith PA

HACKER, JOHNSON & SMITH PA
Tampa, Florida
January 15, 2025

PARTNERS BANCORP 401(k) PLAN

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
(In Liquidation)**

| | <u>At April 24,</u> <u>2024</u> | <u>At December 31,</u> <u>2023</u> |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Investments: | | |
| Mutual funds, at fair value | \$ - | 10,458,280 |
| Guaranteed return investment accounts, at contract value | <u>-</u> | <u>729,624</u> |
| Total investments | - | 11,187,904 |
| Notes receivable from participants | <u>-</u> | <u>58,740</u> |
| Net assets available for benefits | \$ <u>-</u> | <u>11,246,644</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

PARTNERS BANCORP 401(k) PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Period from January 1, 2024 to April 24, 2024 (In Liquidation)

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Additions to net assets attributed to: | |
| Investment income: | |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | \$ 205,041 |
| Dividends and other income | <u>1,621</u> |
| Total investment income | <u>206,662</u> |
| Interest income on participant loans | <u>154</u> |
| Total additions | <u>206,816</u> |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to: | |
| Benefits paid to participants | (11,442,078) |
| Administrative expenses | <u>(11,382)</u> |
| Total deductions | <u>(11,453,460)</u> |
| Net decrease | (11,246,644) |
| Net assets available for benefits: | |
| Beginning of period | <u>11,246,644</u> |
| End of period | \$ <u><u>-</u></u> |

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

PARTNERS BANCORP 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

**At April 24, 2024 (In Liquidation) and December 31, 2023 (In Liquidation)
and the Period from January 1, 2024 to April 24, 2024 (In Liquidation)**

(1) Description of Plan

The following description of the Partners Bancorp 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General. The Plan was a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Partners Bancorp (the "Company") regardless of age or service. The Plan was subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Plan Termination. The Company and LINKBANCORP, Inc. ("LINK") approved a transaction pursuant to which the Company will merge with and into LINK, with LINK as the surviving corporation (the "Company Merger"), dated as of February 22, 2023. The Board of Directors of the Company approved the termination of the Plan, effective November 29, 2023. All participants of the Plan became 100% vested upon termination and were provided with the option to have their account balances rolled into another qualified plan (including Linkbank 401(k) Plan), IRA or receive a lump-sum distribution. The Plan Assets were fully transferred to the Linkbank 401(k) Plan in April 2024.

As result of the termination, the Plan changed its method of accounting from the going concern basis of accounting to the liquidation basis of accounting. The change in the method of accounting did not have any impact on the financial statements.

Contributions. Participants could contribute up to the maximum dollar limit allowed by law. In addition, at its discretion the employer could make matching and profit sharing contributions each year. Such contributions were allocated among all participants regardless of the amount of service completed during the plan year. Participants could also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollover). Participants who had attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year were eligible to make catch-up contributions.

The Plan included an auto-enroll provision whereby all eligible employees of the Company were automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants had their deferral rate set at 6% of eligible compensation with an automatic 1% increase each January 1 until the deferral rate reached 10%. There was a 30-day grace period after a participant becomes eligible before a participant was automatically enrolled.

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PARTNERS BANCORP 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(1) Description of Plan, Continued

Participant Accounts. Each participant's account was credited with the participant's contribution and the Company matching contributions, as well as allocation of Plan earnings. Allocations were based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the Plan. Participant accounts were charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. The benefit to which a participant was entitled was the participant's vested account balance.

Forfeitures. Forfeitures were used to pay plan expenses and reduce future discretionary employer contributions, if any. Forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$0 and \$3,460 at April 24, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. During the period from January 1, 2024 to April 24, 2024, forfeitures totaling \$3,460 were used to reduce employer contributions.

Vesting. Participants were immediately vested in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching contributions was based on years of continuous service. A participant was 100% vested after six years of credited service.

Investment Options. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant could direct their contributions in 1% increments in any of the Plan's investment options. Participants could change their current or future investment options periodically.

Notes Receivable from Participants. Participants could borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from 1-5 years or longer if the loan was for the purchase of primary residence provided documentation as to the purpose of the loan is made available. The loans were secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate was based on rates available for similar loans from commercial lending institutions. Loan interest rates were charged at a rate equal to 1% above the prime rate effective on the date the loan was granted. The interest rate was fixed for the duration of the loan. Principal and interest were paid ratably through payroll deductions or by direct payments to the Plan's custodian.

Administration of Plan Assets. The Plan's assets were held by the Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company (the "Voya"). As a prototype sponsor of the Plan, they provided custodial, investment and administrative services for the Plan. Administrative expenses were paid first by the Plan's earnings, prior to being allocated to participant accounts.

Payment of Benefits. On termination of service due to death, disability, retirement or any other reason, a participant could elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. If the balance does not exceed \$5,000, then the benefit could only be paid as a lump sum amount. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant would receive a lump sum distribution if the balance did not exceed \$5,000. If the balance exceeded \$5,000 the participant would receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution or could choose to continue to participate in the plan investments.

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PARTNERS BANCORP 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation. The Plan's financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies:

Effective November 29, 2023, the Plan's financial statements have been prepared under the liquidation basis of accounting. However, based on the nature of the Plan's net assets in liquidation there were no adjustments to the statements of net assets available for benefits at April 24, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period from January 1, 2024 to April 24, 2024 as a result of the change in basis of accounting. There were no significant estimated costs associated with Plan liquidation.

Subsequent Events. Management has evaluated all significant events occurring subsequent to the financial statements date through January 15, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, determining no events require additional disclosure in the financial statements.

Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition. The Plan's investments were stated at fair value except for its guaranteed return investment accounts, which is valued at contract value. The fair value of a financial instrument was the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Purchases and sales of securities were recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income was recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends were recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation included the Plan's gains on investments bought and sold as well as held during the period.

Contributions. Contributions from participants were accrued and credited to participants' accounts as of each pay period.

Benefits. Benefit payments to participants were recorded when paid.

Party-In-Interest. Certain of the Plan's investments were offered by the Voya, the Plan's trustees. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest.

Notes Receivable From Participants. Notes receivable from participants were measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income was recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees were recorded as administrative expenses and expensed when they were incurred.

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PARTNERS BANCORP 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Expenses. Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan were paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that were paid by the Company were excluded from these financial statements. Investment-related expenses were included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

(3) Information Certified by Trustee

The information contained in the financial statements and supplemental schedule which was certified by Voya was as follows:

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

Mutual funds, at fair value

Guaranteed return investment accounts, at contract value

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Investment income

(4) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The hierarchy describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities that are not active; and model-driven valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable. Valuations may be obtained from, or corroborated by, third-party pricing services.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs to measure fair value of assets and liabilities for which there is little, if any market activity at the measurement date, using reasonable inputs and assumptions based upon the best information at the time, to the extent that inputs are available without undue cost and effort.

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PARTNERS BANCORP 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(4) Fair Value Measurements, Continued

The asset's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation method used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the method used at December 31, 2023.

Mutual Funds. Mutual funds were valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan were open-end mutual funds that were registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds were required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at the price. The mutual funds held by the Plan were deemed to be actively traded.

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

The following table sets forth by Level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan investments at fair value:

| | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <i>December 31, 2023 (In Liquidation)-</i> Mutual funds | \$ <u>10,458,280</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>10,458,280</u> |

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PARTNERS BANCORP 401(k) PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(5) Investment Contract with Insurance Company

The Plan entered into a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Voya. Voya maintained the contributions in a general account. The account was credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract issuer was contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that was guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate was based on a formula established by the contract issuer. The crediting rate was reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The interest rate for 2024 was 1.68%. The guaranteed investment contract does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

This contract met the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore was reported at contract value. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Voya, represented contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants could ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

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

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

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

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(6) Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service had determined by a letter of opinion dated June 30, 2020, that the Plan prototype and related trust were designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Plan administrator and Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC.

GAAP requires the Company to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Company, and has concluded that at April 24, 2024 and December 31, 2023, there were no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan was subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

(7) Related Party Transactions and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments included investment funds managed by Voya, as defined by the Plan, and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan participants for the investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund.

(8) Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan had made available various investment options. These investment options were exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect participants' balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefit and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. The Plan permitted every participant to direct the investment of their account balances under the Plan.