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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;">2023</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 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/01/2023

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description) HURRICANE DEBBY

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>ASHLEY HALL DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN</u></p> | <p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</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>ASHLEY HALL SCHOOL</u></p> <p><u>172 RUTLEDGE AVENUE</u> <u>CHARLESTON, SC 29403</u></p> | <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>09/01/1982</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>57-0314364</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>843-720-2866</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>611000</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. | 01/30/2025 | PALMER BALL |
| | 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 |

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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

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| A Name of plan ASHLEY HALL DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN | | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ASHLEY HALL SCHOOL | | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0314364 | |

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier

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| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 13-1624203 | 69345 | 407640 | 0 | 01/01/2023 | 12/01/2023 |

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

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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 |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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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 ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year..... **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

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

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

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

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

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| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 3980931 | |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | 27116 | |
| | 7c(2) | 0 | |
| | 7c(3) | 172652 | |
| | 7c(4) | 120039 | |
| | 7c(5) | 69 | |
| ▶ PPT LOAN INTEREST | | | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 319876 | |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 4300807 | |
| e Deductions: | | | |
| | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | 135512 |
| | (2) Administration charge made by carrier | 7e(2) | |
| | (3) Transferred to separate account..... | 7e(3) | 95953 |
| (4) Other (specify below) | 7e(4) | 4069342 | |
| ▶ FEES, LOAN REPAYMENT, TRANSFER TO MEP | | | |
| (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) | 4300807 | |
| 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) | 0 |
| 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) | 0 |
| | (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) | 0 |
| | (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> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| A Name of plan ASHLEY HALL DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ASHLEY HALL SCHOOL | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0314364 | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 99 | OTHER FEE | 47759 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

(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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 64 | RECORDKEEPER | 11131 | 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"/> |

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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| (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 |
| | | |
| (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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| (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: |

Explanation:

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

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
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Explanation:

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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. | OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 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 <u>ASHLEY HALL SCHOOL</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>57-0314364</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>TIAA REAL ESTATE</u> | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | <u>TIAA-CREF</u> | |
| c EIN-PN <u>13-1624203-004</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> |
| 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)

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:

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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)

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

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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. | 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 12/01/2023 | |
| A Name of plan ASHLEY HALL DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ASHLEY HALL SCHOOL | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0314364 |

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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) | 8050 | 0 |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | | |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | 967345 | 0 |
| (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) | 16776289 | 0 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | 3980931 | 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 | 21732615 | 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 | 21732615 | 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) | 480521 | |
| (B) Participants | 2a(1)(B) | 709384 | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers) | 2a(1)(C) | 257 | |
| (2) Noncash contributions | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 1190162 |
| 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) | 742 | |
| (F) Other | 2b(1)(F) | 172652 | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 173394 |
| (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) | 9262 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | 9262 |
| (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) | | -117379 |
| (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) | | 2402746 |
| c Other income | 2c | | 10208 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 3668393 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|---|---------------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 2809147 | |
| (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) | | 2809147 |
| 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) | 58739 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees..... | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees..... | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 58739 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 2867886 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--|----------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 800507 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | 22533122 |

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: **ELLIOTT DAVIS LLC**

(2) EIN: **57-0381582**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
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| PALMETTO ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN | 57-0775210 | 333 |
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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> 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 12/01/2023

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| A Name of plan <u>ASHLEY HALL DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>001</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ASHLEY HALL SCHOOL</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>57-0314364</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 | <u>0</u> |
| 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>82-2826183</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 checked="" 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:

| | | |
|--|------------|--|
| 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:

| | | |
|--|------------|--|
| 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 08 / 07 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J600957A.

Ashley Hall Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

Report on Financial Statements

For the period from January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2023



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Ashley Hall Defined Contribution Retirement Plan
Charleston, South Carolina

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Ashley Hall Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions, as described in Note 1, as of December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the 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 (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by the qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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Basis for Opinion

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

Plan Merger and Transfer of Plan Assets

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Board of Trustees of Ashley Hall School, the Plan's sponsor, voted to merge the Plan into the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools Multiple Employer Plan ("PAIS MEP"), effective December 1, 2023. All plan assets were transferred to the PAIS MEP on December 1, 2023. Our opinion has not been 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 U.S. 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements, Continued

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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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.

Elliott Davis, LLC

Charleston, South Carolina
January 28, 2025

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

As of December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2022

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|---|-------------|----------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Investments at fair value (see Note 4) | \$ - | \$ 21,567,213 |
| Fully benefit-responsive investment contract at contract value (see Note 5) | - | 157,352 |
| Notes receivable from participants | <u>-</u> | <u>8,050</u> |
| Net assets available for benefits | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 21,732,615</u> |

See Notes to Financial Statements

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the period from January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2023

Additions

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Investment income | |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | \$ 2,413,506 |
| Interest and dividends | <u>64,149</u> |
| Total investment income | <u>2,477,655</u> |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | <u>576</u> |
| Contributions | |
| Participant | 709,384 |
| Employer | 480,521 |
| Rollover | <u>257</u> |
| Total contributions | <u>1,190,162</u> |
| Total additions | <u>3,668,393</u> |

Deductions

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Benefits paid to participants | 2,809,147 |
| Administrative expenses | <u>58,739</u> |
| Total deductions | <u>2,867,886</u> |
| Net increase | 800,507 |

Plan transfer (see Note 1) (22,533,122)

Net assets available for benefits, beginning of period 21,732,615
Net assets available for benefits, end of period \$ -

See Notes to Financial Statements

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2022

Note 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Ashley Hall Defined Contribution Retirement 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, which was effective September 1, 1982, is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Ashley Hall School (the "Employer"). All eligible employees are entitled to participate in the Plan upon employment. The following exclusions will apply: employees who normally work fewer than 20 hours per week unless they work 960 hours per year, or employees who are students performing services. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The custodians of the Plan are Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America ("TIAA"), a custodian and agent of TIAA, FSB, for the period January 1, 2023 through July 14, 2023 and TIAA Trust, N.A, as of December 1, 2023 and for the period July 14, 2023 through December 1, 2023, and College Retirement Equity Fund ("CREF"), a custodian, (collectively, the "custodians"). All custodians are considered qualified institutions as defined by ERISA Section 103-5.

Plan Merger and Transfer of Plan Assets

The Board of Trustees voted to merge the Plan, into the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools Multiple Employer Plan ("PAIS MEP"). As a result, on December 1, 2023, the accounts of all participants were transferred out of the Plan to PAIS MEP (an existing plan).

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute a percentage or amount of their pretax compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed the annual limits as defined by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Participants who have attained the age of 50 or 15 years of service before the end of the year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing rollover distributions from other qualified plans.

Employees age 21 or older are eligible to receive Employer contributions upon employment in an amount equal to 5 percent of the participant's compensation, contributed to the Plan as a pretax contribution. In order to receive the 5 percent Employer contribution, participants must contribute a minimum of 3 percent of compensation on a pretax basis. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

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Note 1. Description of the Plan, Continued

Participant accounts

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

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their voluntary contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested after 1 year of credited service.

Notes receivable from participants

Participants may borrow from their individual accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their vested balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate is prime plus 1 percent, as defined by the Plan. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions or an ACH agreement or other repayment method agreed to by the investment arrangement to repay the loan.

Payment of benefits

On termination of service, a participant may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account in either a lump-sum amount or other installment options as provided by the Plan. Hardship distributions are permitted upon demonstration of a financial hardship. All fully vested balances are available for distribution after the participant reaches the age of 59^{1/2}.

Forfeited accounts

At December 1, 2023, the forfeiture balance was transferred. At December 31, 2022 forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$1,029.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

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

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Contributions

Contributions from Plan participants and any Employer contributions are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's management determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the custodians. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

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, 2022.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

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

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through January 28, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

Recently issued accounting pronouncements

Accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board or other standards-setting bodies are not expected to have a material impact on the Plan's financial statements.

Note 3. Custodian Certifications

The following is a summary of the Plan's asset information as of December 1, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2023, included throughout the Plan's financial statements that was prepared by or derived from information provided by the custodians of the Plan and furnished to the plan administrator. The plan administrator has obtained certifications from the custodians of the Plan that the information provided to the plan administrator by the custodians of the Plan related to the following assets is complete and accurate. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information which appears throughout the financial statements and supplemental schedule related to the following assets:

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|--|-------------|----------------------|
| Investments at fair value: | | |
| Mutual funds | \$ - | \$ 4,869,839 |
| Pooled separate accounts | - | 1,929,013 |
| Guaranteed investment contract, non-fully benefit-responsive | - | 3,823,580 |
| Registered investment company funds | - | 9,977,436 |
| Pooled separate account (TIAA Real Estate) | - | <u>967,345</u> |
| | - | 21,567,213 |
| Investments at contract value: | | |
| Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts | - | 157,352 |
| Notes receivable from participants | - | <u>8,050</u> |
| | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 21,732,615</u> |

The custodians of the Plan also certified the completeness and accuracy of \$2,413,506 of net appreciation in fair value of investments and \$64,149 of interest and dividends as well as \$576 of interest income on notes receivable from participants for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2023.

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

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

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

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

Mutual funds:

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

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Pooled separate accounts:

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

Guaranteed investment contract, non-fully benefit-responsive:

This investment is a guaranteed fixed income annuity backed by TIAA's claims paying ability whereby the annuity guarantees principal and a minimum interest rate, plus opportunity for additional amounts in excess of the guaranteed rate. Annuity contracts are not traded and significant other observable inputs are not available. The contract is valued at fair value by TIAA-CREF by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the creditworthiness of the issuer. The contract is classified within level 3 of the valuation hierarchy.

Registered investment company funds and pooled separate account (TIAA Real Estate):

The CREF accounts are registered investment company funds and the TIAA Real Estate fund is a pooled separate account whose daily unit values are published on the NASDAQ and trade at this published value. The funds are not traded on this exchange. The value of the unitholder's investment rises and falls with the return on the underlying assets in the accounts.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. There are no assets as of December 1, 2023. The following table sets forth, by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2022:

| | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Mutual funds | \$ 4,869,839 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 4,869,839 |
| Guaranteed investment contract, non-fully benefit-responsive | - | - | 3,823,580 | 3,823,580 |
| Registered investment company funds | - | 9,977,436 | - | 9,977,436 |
| Pooled separate account | - | 967,345 | - | 967,345 |
| Total assets in the fair value hierarchy | <u>\$ 4,869,839</u> | <u>\$ 10,944,781</u> | <u>\$ 3,823,580</u> | 19,638,200 |
| Investments measured at NAV (a) | | | | <u>1,929,013</u> |
| Investments at fair value | | | | <u>\$ 21,567,213</u> |

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements, Continued

- (a) Certain investments that were measured at NAV per share or its equivalent have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table sets forth a summary of the Plan's investments reported at NAV as a practical expedient to estimate fair value as of December 31, 2022:

| <u>Investment</u> | <u>Fair value</u> | <u>Unfunded commitment</u> | <u>Redemption frequency</u> | <u>Redemption notice period</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pooled separate accounts: | | | | |
| TIAA Access Funds | \$ <u>1,929,013</u> | \$ <u> -</u> | Daily | None |

The following table represents the Plan's Level 3 financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges of values for those inputs as of December 31, 2022:

| Instrument | Fair value | Principal valuation technique | Unobservable inputs | Range of significant input values | Weighted average |
|--|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Guaranteed investment contract, non-fully benefit-responsive | \$ 3,823,580 | Discounted Cash Flow | Risk-adjusted discount rate applied | RA (Retirement Annuity) - 3.70%-6.25% | 5.56% |
| | | Theoretical Transfer (Exit Value) | | RC (Retirement Choice) - 3.95%-6.50% | 5.81% |

In estimating fair value of the investments in Level 3, the Retirement Committee of the Employer may use third party pricing sources or appraisers. In substantiating the reasonableness of the pricing data provided by third parties, the Retirement Committee evaluates a variety of factors including review of methods and assumptions used by external sources, recently executed transactions, existing contracts, economic conditions, industry and market developments, and overall credit ratings.

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Note 5. Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts

The Plan holds an allocated fixed-rate guaranteed annuity contract. The portion of the contract which meet the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria, therefore, is reported at contract value, and the portion which does not meet the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria is reported at fair value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. The contract value of the fully benefit responsive portion of the investment contract held by the Plan was \$157,352 at December 31, 2022.

The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 3.00 percent. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Such events include the following: (a) the Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the IRC or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the IRC, (b) premature termination of the contracts, (c) Plan termination or merger, (d) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options, or (e) bankruptcy of the Employer or other Employer events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include (a) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (b) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (c) a material misrepresentation, or (d) a material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

Note 6. Related-Party and Party in Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by TIAA and CREF. TIAA and CREF are the custodians as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party in interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. As described in Note 2, the Plan made direct payments to the third party administrator totaling \$58,739 which were not covered by revenue sharing. The Employer pays directly any other fees related to the Plan's operations.

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Note 7. Tax Status

Effective January 1, 2018, the Plan adopted a volume submitter plan sponsored by TIAA, the plan provider. The plan provider has received an opinion letter from the IRS as to the volume submitter plan's compliance with IRC section 403(b). The volume submitter plan's letter has been relied upon by this Plan. The plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the IRC.

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

Note 8. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the 2023 statement of net assets available for benefits.