

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [] a DFE... B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan BALLARD SPAHR LLP CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 005 1c Effective date of plan 07/01/2022 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) BALLARD SPAHR LLP 1735 MARKET STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-0382195 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 215-864-8914 2d Business code (see instructions) 541110

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and 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	243
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)	239
	6a(2)	222
	6b	0
	6c	13
	6d	235
	6e	0
	6f	235
	6g(1)	
6g(2)		
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:
1C

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

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

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

- a Pension Schedules**
- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
 - (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
 - (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

- b General Schedules**
- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
 - (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
 - (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
 - (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
 - (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
 - (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE SB (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>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan <u>BALLARD SPAHR LLP CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>005</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>BALLARD SPAHR LLP</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>23-0382195</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>07</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>8867463</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>8867463</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>4</u>	<u>53240</u>
	c For active participants	<u>239</u>	<u>7816118</u>
	d Total	<u>243</u>	<u>7869358</u>
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)		
	a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	
	b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	
5	Effective interest rate	5	<u>5.19 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>6291199</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>0</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>6291199</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE		
	Signature of actuary	<u>11/07/2024</u>
	<u>RIDHWANA RAHMAN, FSA, EA</u>	Date
	Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-08360</u>
	<u>OCTOBER THREE CONSULTING LLC</u>	Most recent enrollment number
	Firm name	<u>312-878-2440</u>
	<u>233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 8350</u>	Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>CHICAGO, IL 60606</u>	
	Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>4.47</u> %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		2270875
	b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.39</u> %		122400
	b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
	c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		2393275
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	112.68 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	112.68 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	100.00 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls		18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees		
01/10/2024	8781915	0					
03/08/2024	2085	0					
			Totals ▶	18(b)	8784000	18(c)	0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	8552713
20	Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:		
	a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:		

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 65
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
26 Demographic and benefit information		
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....	27	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....	31a	6291199	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	998105	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....	34	5293094	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement			0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....	36	5293094	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....	37	8552713	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	3259619	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021

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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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BALLARD SPAHR LLP	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-0382195	

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)	10913	26769
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	95412	357710
(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)		
(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)	7407572	14398186
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	1364479	2641174

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	8878376	17423839
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	8878376	17423839

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)	8784000	
(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)		8784000
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	30292	
(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)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		30292
(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)	357112	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		357112
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	37484	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	27123	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		10361
(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)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		814754
c Other income	2c		50058
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		10046577

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1498097	
(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)		1498097
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)		
(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)	3017	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		3017
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1501114

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		8545463
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: **EISNERAMPER LLP**

(2) EIN: **87-1363769**

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		10000000
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.).....			
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 534355.

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 **07/01/2023** and ending **06/30/2024**

A Name of plan BALLARD SPAHR LLP CASH BALANCE PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	005
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BALLARD SPAHR LLP	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-0382195	

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
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): _____		
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	22

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c	

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? Yes No N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. Increase Decrease Both No

Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? Yes No

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? Yes No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) Yes No

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? Yes No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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 ___/___/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.

**BALLARD SPAHR LLP
CASH BALANCE PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**JUNE 30, 2024 and 2023
(with supplemental information)**

BALLARD SPAHR LLP CASH BALANCE PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator, Participants and Beneficiaries
of the Ballard Spahr LLP Cash Balance Plan

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ballard Spahr LLP Cash Balance Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the statement of accumulated plan benefits as of June 30, 2023, and the related statement of changes in accumulated plan benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the accumulated plan benefits as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its accumulated plan benefits for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date 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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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.

Other Matter

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of June 30, 2024, and of reportable transactions for the year ended June 30, 2024, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.



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

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

Report on Compiled June 30, 2023 Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Ballard Spahr LLP Cash Balance Plan which comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2023, and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We did not audit or review the financial statement nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or the completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the financial statement as of June 30, 2023.

EisnerAmper LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
April 15, 2025



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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	June 30,	
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 357,710	\$ 95,412
Investments, at fair value	17,039,360	8,772,051
Receivables:		
Accrued interest and dividends	<u>26,769</u>	<u>10,913</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 17,423,839</u>	<u>\$ 8,878,376</u>

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year Ended June 30,	
	2024	2023
Additions to net assets available for benefits:		
Investment income:		
Net realized/unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 825,114	\$ 270,457
Dividends	437,463	125,686
	<u>1,262,577</u>	<u>396,143</u>
Contributions:		
Employer	8,784,000	9,166,452
	<u>10,046,577</u>	<u>9,562,595</u>
Deductions:		
Benefits paid to participants	1,498,097	681,323
Administrative expenses	3,017	2,896
	<u>1,501,114</u>	<u>684,219</u>
Net increase	8,545,463	8,878,376
Net assets available for benefits - beginning of year	<u>8,878,376</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits - end of year	\$ 17,423,839	\$ 8,878,376

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Statement of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits:

Vested benefits:

Participants currently receiving payments	\$ 8,831,149
Participants with deferred benefits	<u>58,292</u>

Total vested Plan benefits	<u>8,889,441</u>
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Total actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits as of June 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 8,889,441</u></u>
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**Statement of Accumulated Plan Benefits
Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits - at beginning of year	\$ -
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:	
Benefits accrued during the year	9,166,100
Interest accumulation	404,664
Benefits paid	<u>(681,323)</u>
Net increase	<u>8,889,441</u>
Actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits - at end of year	<u><u>\$ 8,889,441</u></u>

BALLARD SPAHR LLP CASH BALANCE PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

Ballard Spahr LLP (the "Partnership") Cash Balance Plan (the "Plan") was established by the Partnership to enable eligible partners to accumulate funds for their retirement on a tax-favored basis. The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

[1] General:

The Plan is a noncontributory cash balance defined benefit pension plan that was established effective July 1, 2022 (the "Effective Date"). The Plan covers substantially all partners of the Partnership who are partners on the Effective Date. Thereafter, a partner shall become a participant in the Plan on July 1 (the "Entry Date") following the date the partner becomes a partner. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended. The trustee of the Plan is PNC Bank ("Trustee"), the recordkeeper is October Three Consulting, LLC., and the actuary is October Three Consulting, LLC.

The Plan is administered by the Benefit Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee has overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan. The Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, manages and controls Plan assets, pays benefits, and reports to the Plan's Board of Trustees.

[2] Pension benefits and vesting:

The basic retirement benefit payable to participants at the normal retirement age (65) consists of a lump-sum distribution or a benefit in the form of an annuity.

Plan participants are eligible for their plan benefit after terminating employment with vested rights. Participants shall at all times have a one hundred percent vested and non-forfeitable interest in his or her cash balance account. A participant who terminates service prior to attaining age 65 and has a vested cash balance account will be entitled to commence receiving benefits as of the day following such termination of service. The amount of such benefits shall be the actuarial equivalent of the cash balance account as of the annuity starting date. The benefit may also be paid in any optional form under the Plan provided the requirements of Article IX of the Plan document are met.

[3] Death and disability benefits:

If an active employee dies at age 55 or older, a death benefit equal to the value of the employee's accumulated pension benefits is paid to the employee's beneficiary. Active employees who become totally disabled receive annual disability benefits that are equal to the normal retirement benefits they have accumulated as of the time they become disabled. Disability benefits are paid until normal retirement age, at which time disabled participants begin receiving normal retirement benefits computed as though they had been employed to normal retirement age, with their annual compensation remaining the same as at the time they became disabled.

[4] Participants' accounts:

Under the Plan provisions, amounts are credited by the Partnership to the participants' hypothetical accounts. The accounts are allocated cash balance credits and earnings credits. The credits are allocated based on the applicable percentage of the participant's target compensation for the Plan year in excess of \$350,000, as defined in the Plan document. The applicable percentage is 12% multiplied by 50%, 75%, 125%, or 150% in accordance with Sections 3.2 (e) through (m) of the Plan document. A cash balance credit shall be credited on January 10th (or if such day is not a day of business, the next succeeding business day) to the cash balance account of each participant who has completed six months of a benefit service during the Plan year.

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Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

[1] Basis of accounting:

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual method of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

[2] Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and when applicable, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits at the date of the financial statements and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

[3] Investment valuation and income recognition:

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment advisors and custodian. See Note E for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net realized/unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

[4] Actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits:

Accumulated Plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, which are attributable, under the Plan's provisions, to the service employees have rendered. Accumulated Plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (a) retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries, (b) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and (c) present employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits under the Plan are accumulated based on employees' compensation during each year of credited service. The accumulated Plan benefits for active employees will equal the accumulation, with interest, of the annual benefit accruals as of the benefit information date (the valuation date). Benefits payable under all circumstances – retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment – are included, to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date. Benefits to be provided via annuity contracts excluded from Plan assets are excluded from accumulated Plan benefits.

The actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits is determined by an independent actuary, and is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated Plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The accumulated Plan benefits for active employees will equal the accumulation, with interest, of the annual benefit accruals as of the benefit information date.

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Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

[4] Actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits: (continued)

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 were:

Interest (discount) rate	5.19%
Mortality table	IRS 2023 Static Mortality Table
Employee turnover	A scale consistent with the Partnership's experience
Expected retirement age	Normal retirement age (65)
Asset valuation	Five-year fully phased-in market related value

The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits.

The computation of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits were made as of July 1, 2023 and 2022. Had the valuations been performed as of the respective June 30 Plan year end, there would be no material differences.

[5] Payment of benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

[6] Administrative expenses:

The Plan's expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Partnership, as provided by the Plan document. Expenses that are paid directly by the Partnership are excluded from the Plan's financial statements. Certain expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan that are paid by the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. In addition, certain investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments presented in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

NOTE C - FUNDING POLICY

The Plan's funding policy is for the Partnership to contribute an amount that will meet or exceed the annual ERISA minimum funding requirement. During the Plan years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Partnership made contributions of \$8,784,000 and \$9,166,452, respectively. The Partnership's contributions for the Plan years then ended exceeded the minimum funding requirements of ERISA.

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Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

NOTE D - ADJUSTED FUNDING TARGET ATTAINMENT PERCENTAGE ("AFTAP")

The Pension Protection Act (the "Act") included many provisions and numerous revisions to rules surrounding defined benefit plans, including rules that govern Plan funding. The Act established minimum funding standards for defined benefit plans and limited benefit increases and accruals for underfunded plans. Pursuant to the Act, each year the actuaries are required to certify to the Plan's funded percentage. The Plan received such certification for the Plan year ended June 30, 2024, for the AFTAP, which is one way of measuring the funded status of a plan using actuarial assumptions mandated by the IRS, and the actuary determined that the Plan year ended June 30, 2024 AFTAP is 114.26%.

NOTE E - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. The framework 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 measurements), and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

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

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include: (a) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; (b) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; (c) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or (d) 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's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of June 30, 2024 or 2023.

Mutual funds – Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended 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.

Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs") – Valued at the daily closing price. *Exchange traded funds* are investment companies whose shares are traded intraday on stock exchanges at market-determined prices, which may be greater or less than NAV. Plans may buy or sell ETF shares through a broker or in a brokerage account just as they would the shares of any publicly traded company. ETFs are registered with the SEC, and generally, are structured as open-end investment companies (open-end funds) or unit investment trusts.

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NOTE E - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

The following tables set forth, by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investment assets at fair value as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	Investment Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2024	
	Level 1	Total
Investments:		
Mutual Funds	\$ 14,398,186	\$ 14,398,186
Exchange Traded Funds	2,641,174	2,641,174
	<u>\$ 17,039,360</u>	<u>\$ 17,039,360</u>

	Investment Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2023	
	Level 1	Total
Investments:		
Mutual Funds	\$ 7,796,228	\$ 7,796,228
Exchange Traded Funds	975,823	975,823
	<u>\$ 8,772,051</u>	<u>\$ 8,772,051</u>

Changes in fair value levels:

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another.

NOTE F - RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

As discussed in Note A (1), PNC Bank is the Plan trustee and, therefore, the Plan's transactions with the Trustee qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Plan paid \$3,017 to the Trustee for custodial fees.

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NOTE G - TAX STATUS

On March 1, 2023, the Plan filed Form 5300, "Application for Determination for Employee Benefit Plan" (the "Application"), with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). As of the Plan year ending June 30, 2024, the Application is still awaiting IRS approval. The Plan is operating under the assumption the finalized letter, when received, will determine and inform the Trustee that the Plan is qualified under the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and therefore the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan has been amended since filing the application. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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 a government authority. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of June 30, 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine examinations by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE H - PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, at any time, the Partnership has the right to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

- a. Benefits attributable to employee contributions, taking into account those paid out before termination.
- b. Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years, or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would have been receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable (or would have been payable) during those three years. The amount is further limited to the lowest benefit that would be payable under Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding Plan termination.
- c. Other vested benefits insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (the "PBGC") (a U.S. government agency) up to the applicable limitations (discussed subsequently).
- d. All other vested benefits (that is, vested benefits not insured by the PBGC).
- e. All nonvested benefits.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivor pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the Plan sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

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NOTE I - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

Plan contributions are made, and the actuarial present value of accumulated Plan benefits are prepared, based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimates and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near-term would be material to the financial statements.

Volatility in the financial markets may significantly impact the subsequent valuation of the Plan's investments. Accordingly, the valuation of investments as of June 30, 2024 may not necessarily be indicative of amounts that could be realized in a current market exchange.

NOTE J - MUTUAL FUND FEES

Investments in mutual funds are subject to sales charges in the form of front-end loads, back-end loads or 12b-1 fees. 12b-1 fees, which are ongoing fees allowable under Section 12b-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, are annual fees deducted to pay for marketing and distribution costs of the funds. These fees are deducted prior to the allocation of the Plan's investment earnings activity, and thus not separately identifiable as an expense.

NOTE K - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through April 15, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Schedule SB, Part V - Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Plan Sponsor Elections

Yield curve election: The plan sponsor did not elect to use the full yield curve under IRC section 430(h)(2)(D)(ii).

Applicable month: The plan sponsor elected to base the segment rates on the rates published in the month containing the valuation date.

Economic Assumptions

	Funding Target	
	with stabilization	without stabilization
First segment rate (years 0 to 4):	4.75%	3.22%
Second segment rate (years 5 to 19):	5.00%	4.22%
Third segment rate (years 20 and after):	5.74%	4.34%
Effective interest rate (current year):	5.19%	4.23%
Interest crediting rate:	4.00%	

The interest rates listed above are compounded annually.

The cash balance interest crediting rate is equal to the rate of return on plan assets, subject to a cumulative minimum interest crediting rate. Accordingly, the assets needed to provide future cash balance benefits are independent of interest rates and only dependent on the plan's asset allocation to the extent that the cumulative minimum interest crediting rate affects the cash balance accounts. This plan provision is difficult to measure using traditional deterministic valuation procedures. To account for this plan provision, the interest crediting rate was selected from a reasonable range based on the plan's asset allocation that, when combined with the segment interest rates, produced a funding target that was as close as possible to the economic value of the cash balance accounts.

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Schedule SB, Part V - Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

Demographic Assumptions

RETIREMENT

All participants are assumed to retire according to the following schedule:

Assumed retirement age	Percent assumed to retire
65	100.00%

WITHDRAWAL AND DISABILITY

None.

RATIONALE FOR RETIREMENT AGE, WITHDRAWAL AND DISABILITY ASSUMPTIONS

The economic value of the cash balance benefits is not materially affected by the timing of benefit commencement. Therefore, no preretirement withdrawal or disability is assumed, and all participants are assumed to retire according to the schedule above.

MORTALITY AND MORTALITY IMPROVEMENT

The mortality follows the IRS 2023 Static Mortality Table with separate tables for annuitants and non-annuitants, as prescribed by Treasury regulation section 1.430(h)(3)-1. The mortality decrement is assumed to occur as of the beginning of the year.

Other Assumptions

FORM OF PAYMENT

Based on the experience of the plan and future expectations, all participants are assumed to elect a lump sum form of payment.

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Schedule SB, Part V - Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

EXPENSES

Assumed expenses are \$0 for 2023, based on the experience of the plan and future expectations. In accordance with our understanding of the available guidance, the expense assumption reflects administrative expenses and does not include investment-related expenses or any other non-administrative expense.

Actuarial Methods

VALUATION DATE

The valuation date is July 1, 2023.

ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

The actuarial value of assets is equal to the market value of assets.

MINIMUM FUNDING METHOD

The funding target and target normal cost for minimum funding calculations are determined using the traditional unit credit cost method as prescribed by Treasury regulation section 1.430(d)-1. The liability under the unit credit cost method is the value of the accrued pension benefit using service and pay as of the valuation date. The sum of the present value of the accrued benefits for all participants is the ERISA funding target. The normal cost is the present value of the benefits earned during the year. The target normal cost is the sum of the normal costs for all participants and the assumed administrative expenses.

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2023

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan... [x] a single-employer plan [] a DFE... B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: Ballard Spahr LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 005
1c Effective date of plan: 07/01/2022
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): Ballard Spahr LLP
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 23-0382195
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 215-864-8914
2d Business code (see instructions): 541110

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Row 1: Shari Stern, 4/15/2025, Shari Stern. Row 2: Signature of employer/plan sponsor, Date, Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor. Row 3: Signature of DFE, Date, Enter name of individual signing as DFE.

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Form 5500 (2023) v. 2300728

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	243
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)	239
	6a(2)	222
	6b	0
	6c	13
	6d	235
	6e	0
	6f	235
	6g(1)	
6g(2)		
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:
1C

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

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

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

- a Pension Schedules**
- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
 - (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
 - (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

- b General Schedules**
- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
 - (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
 - (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
 - (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
 - (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
 - (6) **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

BALLARD SPAHR LLP CASH BALANCE PLAN

Employer Identification No. 23-0382195, Plan No. 005
 Form 5500 - Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i
 Schedule of Reportable Transactions
 Year Ended June 30, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
<u>Identity of Party Involved</u>	<u>Description of Asset</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Selling Price</u>	<u>Lease Rental</u>	<u>Expense Incurred With Transaction</u>	<u>Cost of Asset</u>	<u>Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date</u>	<u>Net Gain (Loss)</u>
Single Transactions:								
Dodge & Cox	Income Fund FD 147	\$ 12.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,558,388	\$ 1,558,388	\$ -
TCW MetWest	Total Return Bond Fund	\$ -	\$ 9.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,370,634	\$ 1,357,001	\$ (13,633)

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <hr/> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <hr/> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> <hr/> 2023 <hr/> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan Ballard Spahr LLP Cash Balance Pension Plan	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	005
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Ballard Spahr LLP	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-0382195	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information			
1 Enter the valuation date:	Month <u>07</u>	Day <u>01</u>	Year <u>2023</u>
2 Assets:			
a Market value.....	2a	8,867,463	
b Actuarial value.....	2b	8,867,463	
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants.....	4	53,240	53,240
c For active participants.....	239	7,816,118	7,816,118
d Total.....	243	7,869,358	7,869,358
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>			
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions.....	4a		
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor.....	4b		
5 Effective interest rate.....	5	5.19%	
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	6a	6,291,199	
b Expected plan-related expenses.....	6b	0	
c Target normal cost.....	6c	6,291,199	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary

To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	<u>RR</u> Ridhwana Rahman Signature of actuary	<u>11/07/2024</u> Date
	<u>Ridhwana Rahman, FSA, EA</u> Type or print name of actuary	<u>2308360</u> Most recent enrollment number
	<u>October Three Consulting LLC</u> Firm name	<u>312-878-2440</u> Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 8350</u> <u>Chicago IL 60606</u> Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 65
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
26 Demographic and benefit information		
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment	27	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years.....	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....	31a	6,291,199	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	998,105	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)....	34	5,293,094	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement.....			0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	5,293,094	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....	37	8,552,713	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	3,259,619	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years.....	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021

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Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

The weighted average retirement age for the population during the current year, rounded to the nearest whole number, is 65. All participants are assumed to retire according to the following schedule:

Assumed retirement age	Percent assumed to retire
65	100.00%

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Schedule SB, Part V - Summary of Plan Provisions

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of the plan was July 1, 2022. The plan was last amended effective July 1, 2023.

PLAN YEAR

July 1 to June 30.

CASH BALANCE ACCOUNT

The sum of Cash Balance Credits and Earnings Credits. As of July 1, 2023, Cash Balance Accounts, excluding Cash Balance Credits for the year, totaled \$8,889,442.

CASH BALANCE CREDITS

Cash Balance Credits shall be credited to eligible participants' Cash Balance Accounts for the year, based on the plan document's provisions. For the 2023 plan year, Cash Balance Credits are estimated to total \$8,760,915.

EARNINGS CREDITS

Earnings Credits shall be credited to participants' Cash Balance Accounts based on the rate of return on plan assets, subject to any minimums required by the plan. As of the participant's benefit commencement date, in no event shall cumulative Earnings Credits during a participant's period of plan participation be less than \$0.

NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE

The attainment of age 65.

BENEFIT AMOUNT

The Cash Balance Account, or its actuarial equivalent payable as an annuity, subject to IRS maximums. Benefits are payable immediately following termination of employment or while in service for participants who have reached age 59.5.

VESTING

Each participant is always 100% vested in his or her Cash Balance Account.

STATUTORY LIMITS

For 2023, the maximum compensation limit under IRC section 401(a)(17) is \$330,000, and the maximum benefit payable under IRC section 415(b) is \$265,000.

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Employer Identification No. 23-0382195, Plan No. 005
 Form 5500 - Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i
 Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
 June 30, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Current Value	Current Value
Mutual Funds:			
Allspring	Core Bond Fund Class I	\$ 2,079,900	
Dodge & Cox	Income Fund FD 147	1,580,007	
Doubleline	Low Due Bond-I	994,108	
Fidelity	500 Index FD-AI	2,647,199	
Fidelity	EMG Mkts Index FD AI	730,003	
Fidelity	International Index Institutional Pemium Class	1,657,240	
Fidelity	US Bond Index	1,528,143	
FPA	New Income, Inc	1,235,855	
Guggenheim	Limited Duration Fund CL I	1,027,185	
PIMCO	Low Duration Inc-Inst	517,355	
Schwab	Small-Cap Index-Select	401,191	
		<u>14,398,186</u>	
Exchange Traded Funds:			
Ishares	1 to 3 year Treasury Bond ETF	1,330,160	
Vanguard	Growth ETF	562,511	
Vanguard	Small Cap ETF	253,799	
Vanguard	Value ETF	494,704	
		<u>2,641,174</u>	
		<u><u>\$ 17,039,360</u></u>	

* A party-in-interest, as defined by ERISA.