

<p>Form 5500</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2023</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM BENEFITS TRUST</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>501</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM BENEFITS TRUST</u></p> <p><u>P.O. BOX 10</u> <u>MELBOURNE, AR 72556</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>07/01/1992</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>71-6157730</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>870-368-7371</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>611000</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/15/2025	DEEDRA STEED
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <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	949
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)	923
	6a(2)	1130
	6b	6
	6c	
	6d	1136
	6e	
	6f	
	6g(1)	
6g(2)		
6h		
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:

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
4A 4D 4E 4Q

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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 _____

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

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Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.
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4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶		
b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	
e Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶		
f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

a Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶		
b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	
	7c(6)	
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	
	7e(5)	
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	234085
b	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2023

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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 ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM BENEFITS TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM BENEFITS TRUST	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-6157730

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
DELTA DENTAL PLAN OF ARKANSAS

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
71-0561140	47155	000009659	1623	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 11032	(b) Total amount of fees paid 0
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
JTS FINANCIAL SERVICES **415 N. MCKINLEY ST, SUITE 305**
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
11032			3

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.
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4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶		
b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	
e Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶		
f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

a Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶		
b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	
	7c(6)	
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	
	7e(5)	
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
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 l Indemnity contract
m Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received		9a(1)	497067
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....		9a(2)	0
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve		9a(3)	0
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	497067
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....		9b(1)	407755
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves		9b(2)	0
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	407755
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	407755
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)	11032	
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)	0	
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)	0	
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)	0	
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)	0	
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)	0	
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)	0	
(H) Total retention	9c(1)(H)	11032	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)	0
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	0
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	0
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	0
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	0

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	0
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	0

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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(Form 5500)**

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Department of Labor
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VISION SERVICE PLAN

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
75-1769288	00000	12336891	851	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 8847	(b) Total amount of fees paid
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

JTS FINANCIAL SERVICEES LLC **1616 BROOKWOOD DR**
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72202-1704

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
8847			3

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

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b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

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 Specify nature of costs ▶

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

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

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

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

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)**
 (2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)**
 (3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)**
 (4) Transferred from separate account..... **7c(4)**
 (5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)**
 ▶

(6) Total additions **7c(6)**

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

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

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

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

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier.....	10a	175148
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

<p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2023</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **07/01/2023** and ending **06/30/2024**

<p>A Name of plan ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM BENEFITS TRUST</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>501</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM BENEFITS TRUST</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-6157730</p>	

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
GUARDIAN

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-5123390	64246	00569374	149	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

<p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid 15775</p>	<p>(b) Total amount of fees paid 0</p>
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
JOHN THOMAS STARLING **4524 STONEWALL RD**
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72207

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
15775			3

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

Part II	Investment and Annuity Contract Information Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.
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4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶		
b Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	6c	
d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	
e Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶		
f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

a Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶		
b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	
c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	
(6) Total additions	7c(6)	
d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	
e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	
	7e(5)	
(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	
f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	78876
b	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM BENEFITS TRUST	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-6157730	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

USABLE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

71-0226428

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12 13 16 50	NONE	648758	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

REYNOLDS BONE & GRIESBECK

62-0428728

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	NONE	27052	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

ACUITY

46-4299250

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50	NONE	10020	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

REGIONS BANK

63-0371391

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
18 50	NONE	44643	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name: REYNOLDS, BONE & GRIESBECK PLC	b EIN: 62-0428728
c Position: IQPA	
d Address: 5100 WHEELIS DR, STE 300 MEMPHIS, TN 38117	e Telephone: 901-682-2431

Explanation: SERVICE RELATED

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

Explanation:

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

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c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	2023985	1471390
(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)	2441942	3158255
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(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	4465927	4629645
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		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	4465927	4629645

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)	5615227	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2181631	
(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)		7796858
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(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)		0
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	213905	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(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)		-8550
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		8002213

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	6641954	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	462492	
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		7104446
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)	658778	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	27052	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	44643	
(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)	3576	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		734049
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		7838495

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		163718
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: FORVIS MAZARS, LLP

(2) EIN: 44-0160260

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	
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 _____.




Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust

EIN 71-6157730 PN 501

**Independent Auditor's Report, Financial Statements,
and Supplemental Schedules**

June 30, 2024 and 2023



Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust
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Administrative Committee
Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust
Melbourne, Arkansas

Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust (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 (modified cash basis) as of June 30, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) 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 (modified cash basis) of the Plan as of June 30, 2024 and the changes in its net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the year then ended, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

Basis for Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances.

Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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.

2024 Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules (modified cash basis) listed in the table of contents 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 audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

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

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedules (modified cash basis) is 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.

Auditor's Report on the 2023 Financial Statements

The 2023 financial statements (modified cash basis) of the Plan were audited by predecessor auditors whose report dated April 9, 2024, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

Forvis Mazars, LLP

**Little Rock, Arkansas
April 15, 2025**

Federal Employer Identification Number: 44-0160260

Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits – Modified Cash Basis
June 30, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at Fair Value	<u>\$ 4,629,645</u>	<u>\$ 4,465,927</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u><u>\$ 4,629,645</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,465,927</u></u>

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits – Modified Cash Basis
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Additions

Investment Income

Interest and dividends	\$ 213,905
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	<u>(8,550)</u>
	<u>205,355</u>

Contributions

Participants	2,181,631
Employer	<u>5,615,227</u>
	<u>7,796,858</u>

Total Additions

8,002,213

Deductions

Benefits paid to participants, net	6,641,954
Premiums paid	462,492
Administrative expenses	<u>734,049</u>

Total Deductions

7,838,495

Net Increase

163,718

Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year

4,465,927

Net Assets Available for Benefits, End of Year

\$ 4,629,645

Note 1. Description of the Plan

General

The following description of Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust (Plan), established July 1, 1992, provides only general information about the Plan's provisions. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, which is available from the plan administrator.

The Plan provides health and dental benefits covering all employees and covered dependents of the following participating educational institutions: Black River Technical College, East Arkansas Community College, National Park Community College, Arkansas Northeastern College, North Arkansas College, Ozarka College, South Arkansas Community College, and Arkansas Community Colleges. Certain plan assets are held in a voluntary employees' beneficiary association (VEBA) trust. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA), as amended. Regions Bank (Regions) serves as custodian of the VEBA trust.

Benefits

The Plan provides self-insured health benefits (health, pharmaceutical, and dental) and fully-insured benefits (vision and cancer) to eligible participants and to their beneficiaries and covered dependents. The Plan also provides benefits to certain terminated employees under the *Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985* (COBRA). The claims for self-insured benefits are processed by the Plan's third-party claims processors under administrative services only (ASO) arrangements. The Plan also provides health benefits to certain retired employees if they have a vested interest in one or more of the participating state retirement systems or have a minimum of 10 years of state service and qualify under each institution's retirement guidelines. For the self-insured benefits, the claims processors pay claims directly to or on behalf of participants and are then reimbursed by the VEBA trust of the Plan. For the fully insured benefits, insurance premiums are paid from the general assets of the participating educational institutions.

During 2024 and 2023, Blue Advantage Administrators of Arkansas (Blue Advantage) and Delta Dental Plan of Arkansas, Inc. (Delta Dental) processed health and dental claims, respectively, of active and COBRA participants, dependents, and beneficiaries. Despite the Plan's utilization of third-party claim's processors, ultimate responsibility for payments to providers and participants is retained by the Plan.

Stop-Loss Coverage

The Plan has entered into a stop-loss insurance arrangement in an effort to limit its exposure for self-insured benefits (individual participant claims over a specific dollar amount, as well as its aggregate exposure for all claims). The individual claim exposure is \$250,000 and aggregate exposure is approximately \$8,645,000.

Contributions

The Plan is a self-funding arrangement that requires participating educational institutions to make monthly contributions, per participant, based on premium rates determined by an insurance company plus certain administrative fees. Each participating educational institution determines the contribution amounts paid by the individual participants and the institution. Per the plan agreement, any college that terminates its participation in the Plan will pay run-out fees to cover any claims incurred but not paid prior to their termination of participation.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the board of directors has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan at any time. Also, each educational institution has the right to terminate its participation in the Plan upon written notice to the Plan within 90 days prior to the effective date of the termination.

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In the event of total termination of the Plan, each educational institution would be responsible for their respective claims outstanding in excess of funds available for claim payments, which is estimated to be 20% to 25% of annual claims paid.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenue and the related assets are reported when received rather than when earned and expenses are reported when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements (modified cash basis) are not intended to present net assets and changes in net assets in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The modified cash basis of accounting differs from U.S. GAAP primarily because the effects of billings receivable, insurance reimbursement receivables, claims incurred but not reported (IBNR), postemployment and postretirement benefit obligations, and medical and dental claims payable at June 30, 2024 and 2023, are not included in the financial statements (modified cash basis).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements (modified cash basis) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets and changes therein, and disclosure of net assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Payment of Benefits

Premiums paid by the VEBA trust or the general assets of the participating educational institutions are recorded as insurance premiums in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets (modified cash basis).

Claim payments are recorded when paid by the third-party claims processor.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated 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 Plan's insurance consortium board determines the Plan's valuation policies and procedures. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurement.

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

Stop Loss

Premiums for stop loss insurance are included in premium payments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis).

Refunds

Refunds due from the Plan's pharmacy benefit manager are recorded when received. Pharmacy rebates totaling approximately \$1,237,000 have been netted with claims paid in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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Administrative Expenses

The Plan pays expenses that consist primarily of administrative fees paid to third-party claim administrators and the custodian, as well as certain professional and precertification fees. These expenses are reported on the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) as deductions from net assets.

Note 3. Related-Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50% or more of such an employer, or employee association, or relatives of such persons.

The Plan incurs expenses related to general administration, recordkeeping, and certain accounting and auditing fees, which are paid by the plan sponsor. For the year ended June 30, 2024, payments for custodial services to Regions totaled \$44,643, payments for claims administration to Blue Advantage totaled \$648,758, and payments for professional fees to Reynolds, Bone & Griesbeck totaled \$27,052.

Note 4. Disclosures About Fair Value of Plan Assets and Liabilities

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. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

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Recurring Measurements

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at June 30:

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
June 30, 2024				
Money market fund	\$ 1,471,390	\$ 1,471,390	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	3,158,255	3,158,255	-	-
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 4,629,645</u>	<u>\$ 4,629,645</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
June 30, 2023				
Money market fund	\$ 2,023,985	\$ 2,023,985	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	2,441,942	2,605,660	-	-
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 4,465,927</u>	<u>\$ 4,629,645</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis), as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. In addition, the Plan had no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis.

Investments

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or independent asset pricing services and pricing models, the inputs of which are market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including, but not limited to, yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, prepayments, defaults, cumulative loss projections, and cash flows. Such securities are classified in Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy.

Money market fund and mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Money market funds and 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 and to transact at that price. The funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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 method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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Note 5. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities and maintains deposits in certain financial institutions that are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, custodial, 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 assets will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances, and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis).

Note 6. Plan Tax Status

The VEBA trust, that funded certain benefits of the Plan, received an exemption letter from the IRS dated May 10, 2004, stating that the trust is tax-exempt under the provision of Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). However, as a result of the Plan's funding policy, from time to time the trust may be subject to income taxes. No federal or state taxes have been recorded for the year ended June 30, 2024, for unrelated business taxable income.

In addition, the Plan and the trust are required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain the tax-exempt status of the trust. The plan administrator believes that the trust is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7. Benefit Obligations

The following table presents the components of the Plan's benefit obligations and related changes in the Plan's benefit obligations:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Amounts Currently Payable to or For Participants, Beneficiaries, and Dependents For the Year Ended June 30		
Claims payable and claims incurred but not reported	\$ 315,953	\$ 263,960
Plan's Total Benefit Obligations	<u>\$ 315,953</u>	<u>\$ 263,960</u>
Changes in Benefit Obligations for the Year Ended June 30		
Benefit obligations, beginning of year	\$ 263,960	
Claims incurred	6,693,947	
Claims paid	<u>(6,641,954)</u>	
Plan's Total Benefit Obligations, End of Year	<u>\$ 315,953</u>	

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Note 8. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 15, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Schedules

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Schedule H Line 4i, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Modified Cash Basis

June 30, 2024

<u>Identity of Issuer</u>	<u>Description of Investment</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Current Value</u>
Fidelity	Money Market Government Portfolio	\$ 1,471,390	\$ 1,471,390
Artisan	High Income Fund	160,225	159,154
Brandywine Global	High Yield Fund	160,225	160,383
Baird	Aggregate Bond Fund	1,268,295	1,103,318
Fidelity	Investment Grade Bond Fund	1,266,884	1,102,002
JP Morgan	Core Plus Bond Fund	496,027	472,601
Vanguard	Emerging Markets Bond Fund	165,882	160,797
		<u>\$ 4,988,928</u>	<u>\$ 4,629,645</u>

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Schedule H Line 4j, Schedule of Reportable Transactions – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Selling Price</u>	<u>Expenses Incurred with Transaction</u>	<u>Cost of Asset</u>	<u>Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date</u>	<u>Net Gain (Loss)</u>
Category (i) – Individual Transactions in Excess of 5% of Beginning of Year Plan Assets							
Baird	Aggregate Bond Fund	\$ 249,647	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 249,647	\$ -
Fidelity	Investment Grade Bond Fund	253,223	-	-	-	253,223	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	725,000	-	-	-	725,000	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	253,865	-	-	253,865	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	241,486	-	-	241,486	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	252,441	-	-	252,441	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	725,000	-	-	725,000	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	724,645	-	-	724,645	-
Brandywine Global	High Yield Fund	-	320,450	-	-	347,596	(27,146)
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	238,522	-	-	238,522	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	244,636	-	-	244,636	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	267,819	-	-	267,819	-
Category (ii) – Series of Transactions in Excess of 5% of Beginning of Year Plan Assets							
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	\$ 8,493,921	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,493,921	\$ -
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	9,046,516	-	9,046,516	9,046,516	-
Brandywine Global	High Yield Fund	-	320,450	-	347,596	320,450	(27,146)
Brandywine Global	High Yield Fund	74,336	-	-	-	74,336	-

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the Instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2023</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

B This return/report is: a single-employer plan; a DFE (specify) _____
 the first return/report; the final return/report;
 an amended return/report; a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).

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

D Check box if filing under: Form 5558; automatic extension; the DFVC program;
 special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information --- enter all requested information

1a Name of plan Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	501
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) Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust P.O. Box 10 US Melbourne AR 72556	1c Effective date of plan 07/01/1992	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-6157730 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number (870) 368-7371 2d Business code (see instructions) 611000

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

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

SIGN HERE		4/15/25	DEEDRA STEED
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust

EIN 71-6157730 PN 501

Schedule H Line 4j, Schedule of Reportable Transactions – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Selling Price</u>	<u>Expenses Incurred with Transaction</u>	<u>Cost of Asset</u>	<u>Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date</u>	<u>Net Gain (Loss)</u>
Category (i) – Individual Transactions in Excess of 5% of Beginning of Year Plan Assets							
Baird	Aggregate Bond Fund	\$ 249,647	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 249,647	\$ -
Fidelity	Investment Grade Bond Fund	253,223	-	-	-	253,223	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	725,000	-	-	-	725,000	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	253,865	-	-	253,865	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	241,486	-	-	241,486	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	252,441	-	-	252,441	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	725,000	-	-	725,000	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	724,645	-	-	724,645	-
Brandywine Global	High Yield Fund	-	320,450	-	-	347,596	(27,146)
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	238,522	-	-	238,522	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	244,636	-	-	244,636	-
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	267,819	-	-	267,819	-
Category (ii) – Series of Transactions in Excess of 5% of Beginning of Year Plan Assets							
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	\$ 8,493,921	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,493,921	\$ -
Fidelity	Fidelity Government Portfolio	-	9,046,516	-	9,046,516	9,046,516	-
Brandywine Global	High Yield Fund	-	320,450	-	347,596	320,450	(27,146)
Brandywine Global	High Yield Fund	74,336	-	-	-	74,336	-

Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust**EIN 71-6157730 PN 501****Schedule H Line 4i, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Modified Cash Basis****June 30, 2024**

<u>Identity of Issuer</u>	<u>Description of Investment</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Current Value</u>
Fidelity	Money Market Government Portfolio	\$ 1,471,390	\$ 1,471,390
Artisan	High Income Fund	160,225	159,154
Brandywine Global	High Yield Fund	160,225	160,383
Baird	Aggregate Bond Fund	1,268,295	1,103,318
Fidelity	Investment Grade Bond Fund	1,266,884	1,102,002
JP Morgan	Core Plus Bond Fund	496,027	472,601
Vanguard	Emerging Markets Bond Fund	165,882	160,797
		<u>\$ 4,988,928</u>	<u>\$ 4,629,645</u>

Arkansas Higher Education Consortium Benefits Trust
EIN 71-6157730 PN 501
Multiple-Employer Welfare Plan Participating Employer Information
June 30, 2024

<u>Participating Employer</u>	<u>EIN</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Contributions</u>
Black River Technical College	71-0709563	14.79%
East Arkansas Community College	71-0450242	13.85%
National Park Community College	71-0559526	5.94%
Arkansas Northeastern College	71-0512678	14.90%
North Arkansas College	71-0486926	23.60%
Ozarka Technical College	58-1969931	10.90%
South Arkansas Community College	71-0582373	15.78%
Arkansas Community Colleges	71-0795889	0.24%
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