

Form 5500-SF

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed 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-SF.

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2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [X] a single-employer plan [] a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
B This return/report is [X] the first return/report [] the final return/report [] an amended return/report [] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C Check box if filing under: [] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] DFVC program [] special extension (enter description)
D If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here []
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 THE PARAGON COLLECTIVE LLC CASH BALANCE PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2021
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) THE PARAGON COLLECTIVE LLC 2334 EWING ST, SUITE A LOS ANGELES, CA 90039
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-4224973
2c Sponsor's telephone number 424-281-7241
2d Business code (see instructions) 519100
3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] 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
5a Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year 4
b Total number of participants at the end of the plan year 5
c(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
c(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)
d(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year 4
d(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year 5
e Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested 0

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, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, 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. Row 1: Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 06/10/2025, ALEX ALDEA. Row 2: Signature of employer/plan sponsor, Date, Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor.

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) Yes No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) Yes No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? Yes No Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year: 534602. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information			
7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	377644	531999
b Total plan liabilities	7b	0	0
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	377644	531999
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	121839	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	36093	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		157932
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	0	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	3577	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		3577
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		154355
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

Part IV Plan Characteristics	
9a	If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions: 1B 1C 3D
b	If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

Part V Compliance Questions		Yes	No	Amount
10	During the plan year:			
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 there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)		X	
c	Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?		X	
d	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
e	Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)		X	
f	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
g	Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)		X	
h	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
i	If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below. Yes No

a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 **11a** 0

b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, 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 _____

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? Yes No
(If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.

a 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.

b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b**

c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c**

d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d**

e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?..... Yes No N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year? Yes No

a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year..... **13a**

b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? Yes No

c 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a 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

14b 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

15 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 02 / 28 / 2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705268A.

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> 2024 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>THE PARAGON COLLECTIVE LLC CASH BALANCE PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>THE PARAGON COLLECTIVE LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-4224973</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>376153</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>376153</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>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	c For active participants	<u>6</u>	<u>316584</u>
	d Total	<u>6</u>	<u>316584</u>
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	<u>5.59 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>98586</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>0</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>98586</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>06/01/2025</u> Date
	<u>PHILIP D. COFIELD, E.A.</u> Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-05887</u> Most recent enrollment number
	<u>PRIME PENSIONS, INC.</u> Firm name	<u>973-845-7654</u> Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>25B VREELAND ROAD SUITE 209 FLORHAM PARK, NJ 07932</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: 4.96 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 62
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input 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 98586
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a				31b 0
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 98586
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0	
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)				36 98586
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)				37 110817
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				38a 12231
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				

Attachment to 2024 Form 5500
Schedule SB, Part V - Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

The Paragon Collective LLC Cash Balance Plan
46-4224973 / 002
For the plan year 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024

The following actuarial assumptions were used in determining the costs of the Retirement Plan and are the same as those used in the prior year except items a) and b) which are prescribed by law or regulation.

a. Mortality:

The 2024 Static Mortality Tables as prescribed by IRC Section 430 were used post-retirement. Since this plan is a small plan, no pre-retirement mortality was assumed. The optional combined tables for small plans were used, separately for male and female lives. To value benefits subject to IRC Section 417(e), the 2024 Applicable Mortality Table was used. In order to be consistent with the Internal Revenue Code funding regulations, no mortality improvement after the measurement date was assumed.

b. Interest:

The following are the Funding Segment Rates prescribed by IRC Section 430 as of January 1, 2024. Benefits were discounted by 4.75% (first segment rate) for payments expected from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028, by 4.96% (second segment rate) for payments expected from January 1, 2029 to December 31, 2043, and by 5.59% (third segment rate) for payments expected on or after January 1, 2044.

The following are the Funding Segment Rates prescribed by IRC Section 404 as of January 1, 2024. Benefits were discounted by 4.37% (first segment rate) for payments expected from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028, by 4.96% (second segment rate) for payments expected from January 1, 2029 to December 31, 2043, and by 4.95% (third segment rate) for payments expected on or after January 1, 2044.

c. Salary Scale:

It was assumed that salaries would remain constant for the current plan year. This assumption is an estimate of future experience based upon current and past experience.

d. Severance of Employment:

No discount for severance of employment was included in the factors on which costs were based. This assumption is an estimate of future experience based upon current and past experience. Participants who would first be eligible to enter the Plan after the valuation date were included for purposes of determining the current year's Target Normal Cost.

e. Retirement Age:

It was assumed that all employees would retire at their Normal Retirement Age, or in one year if at or past Normal Retirement Age. This assumption is an estimate of future experience based upon current and past experience.

f. Form of Benefit Payment:

It was assumed that there would be a 100% probability of electing a lump sum and a zero percent probability of electing monthly annuity payments. This assumption is an estimate of future experience based upon current and past experience.

g. Actuarial Value of Asset Valuation Method:

The fair market value of assets was used.

h. Expenses:

The Target Normal Cost was increased by \$0 to reflect anticipated expenses to be paid from the plan in the current year. Expenses were recognized as an investment loss.

i. Actuarial Cost Method:

The method prescribed by IRC Section 430 was used.

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	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 46-4224973
	2c Sponsor's telephone number 424-281-7241
3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor.	2d Business code (see instructions) 519100
	3b Administrator's EIN
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	3c Administrator's telephone number
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	5a 4
	5b 5
	5c(1)
	5c(2)
	5d(1) 4
5d(2) 5	
5e 0	

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SIGN HERE	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Alex Aldea Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.)..... Yes No
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- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? Yes No Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 534602. (See instructions.)

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(1) Employers	8a(1)	121,839	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)	0	
b Other income (loss)	8b	36,093	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		157,932
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	0	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e	0	
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	3,577	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		3,577
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		154,355
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j	0	

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b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c		X	
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
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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 _____

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b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year **12b**

c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **12c**

d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **12d**

e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year? Yes No

a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. **13a**

b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? Yes No

c 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.)

13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a 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

14b 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

15 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 02/28/2023 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q705268a.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information <small>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).</small> ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 <small>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</small>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

▶ **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 <u>The Paragon Collective LLC Cash Balance Plan</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>The Paragon Collective LLC</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>46-4224973</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	376,153
	b Actuarial value	2b	376,153
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0
	b For terminated vested participants	0	0
	c For active participants	6	316,584
	d Total	6	316,584
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	5.59%
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	98,586
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0
	c Target normal cost	6c	98,586

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	Date <u>06/01/2025</u>
	Philip D. Cofield, E.A.	2305887
	Type or print name of actuary	Most recent enrollment number
	Prime Pensions, Inc.	973-845-7654
	Firm name	Telephone number (including area code)
	25B Vreeland Road Suite 209 Florham Park NJ 07932	
	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: 4.96 %	3rd segment: 5.59%	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code).....				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 62
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input 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 98,586
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a				31b 0
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 98,586
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance	
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0	
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....				36 98,586
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....				37 110,817
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				38a 12,231
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 19 - Discounted Employer Contributions

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Date of Contribution	Amount	Year Applied	Effective Interest		Periods Applied	Interested Adjusted Contribution
			Rate			
04/30/2025	22,525	2024	10.59%		04/30/2025 04/15/2024	19,964
			5.59%		04/15/2024 01/01/2024	
04/30/2025	22,525	2024	10.59%		04/30/2025 07/15/2024	20,196
			5.59%		07/15/2024 01/01/2024	
04/30/2025	22,525	2024	10.59%		04/30/2025 10/15/2024	20,431
			5.59%		10/15/2024 01/01/2024	
04/30/2025	22,525	2024	10.59%		04/30/2025 01/15/2025	20,668
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04/30/2025	31,739	2024	5.59%		04/30/2025 01/01/2024	29,519

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

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The following actuarial assumptions were used in determining the costs of the Retirement Plan and are the same as those used in the prior year except items a) and b) which are prescribed by law or regulation.

a. Mortality:

The 2024 Static Mortality Tables as prescribed by IRC Section 430 were used post-retirement. Since this plan is a small plan, no pre-retirement mortality was assumed. The optional combined tables for small plans were used, separately for male and female lives. To value benefits subject to IRC Section 417(e), the 2024 Applicable Mortality Table was used. In order to be consistent with the Internal Revenue Code funding regulations, no mortality improvement after the measurement date was assumed.

b. Interest:

The following are the Funding Segment Rates prescribed by IRC Section 430 as of January 1, 2024. Benefits were discounted by 4.75% (first segment rate) for payments expected from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028, by 4.96% (second segment rate) for payments expected from January 1, 2029 to December 31, 2043, and by 5.59% (third segment rate) for payments expected on or after January 1, 2044.

The following are the Funding Segment Rates prescribed by IRC Section 404 as of January 1, 2024. Benefits were discounted by 4.37% (first segment rate) for payments expected from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028, by 4.96% (second segment rate) for payments expected from January 1, 2029 to December 31, 2043, and by 4.95% (third segment rate) for payments expected on or after January 1, 2044.

c. Salary Scale:

It was assumed that salaries would remain constant for the current plan year. This assumption is an estimate of future experience based upon current and past experience.

d. Severance of Employment:

No discount for severance of employment was included in the factors on which costs were based. This assumption is an estimate of future experience based upon current and past experience. Participants who would first be eligible to enter the Plan after the valuation date were included for purposes of determining the current year's Target Normal Cost.

e. Retirement Age:

It was assumed that all employees would retire at their Normal Retirement Age, or in one year if at or past Normal Retirement Age. This assumption is an estimate of future experience based upon current and past experience.

f. Form of Benefit Payment:

It was assumed that there would be a 100% probability of electing a lump sum and a zero percent probability of electing monthly annuity payments. This assumption is an estimate of future experience based upon current and past experience.

g. Actuarial Value of Asset Valuation Method:

The fair market value of assets was used.

h. Expenses:

The Target Normal Cost was increased by \$0 to reflect anticipated expenses to be paid from the plan in the current year. Expenses were recognized as an investment loss.

i. Actuarial Cost Method:

The method prescribed by IRC Section 430 was used.

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Schedule SB, Part V - Summary of Plan Provisions

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The plan provisions are the same as last year except for item d.

a. Eligibility:

All employees are eligible for membership in the Plan as of January 1 or July 1 following 1 Year of Service and the attainment of age 21.

b. Normal Retirement:

Age 62.

c. Considered Compensation:

Gross pay for the period ending December 31.

d. Contribution Credit:

Based upon assigned category.

e. Interest Credit:

5% interest crediting rate.

f. Standard Retirement Benefit:

Life Annuity.

g. Death and Disability Benefits:

Actuarial value of the accrued benefit.

h. Severance Benefits:

Vested in accrued benefit based on years of service; 100% after 3 years. Service prior to January 1, 2021 is excluded.

i. Actuarial Equivalent:

Applicable Mortality Table after retirement; 5% interest rate.

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

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The weighted average retirement age of the plan is equal to 62.

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