

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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 style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2023</p> <hr/> <p style="font-weight: bold;">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 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

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>STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>003</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB</u></p> <p><u>110 E. FOURTH STREET</u> <u>STERLING, IL 61081</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2006</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-1824695</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>815-626-0614</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522120</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.	07/14/2025	BO MAYS
	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	162
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)	90
	6a(2)	78
	6b	20
	6c	51
	6d	149
	6e	0
	6f	149
	6g(1)	
6g(2)		
6h		8
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:
1A

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input 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**
- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
 - (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
 - (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
 - (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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2023

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A Name of plan STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-1824695

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
VOYA LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY

(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
71-0294708	86509	ZH1241	145	10/01/2023	09/30/2024

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 37956	(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
CETERA ADVISORS NETWORKS LLC **200 N SEPULVEDA BLVD**
SUITE 12000
EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
37956			3

(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.		
4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4 11203
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5 16260017
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other ▶ GROUP ANNUITY		
b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b 28232
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1) 0
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2) 0
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3) 15676
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5) 3778
▶ MARKET VALUE ADJUSTMENT		
	(6) Total additions	7c(6) 19454
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d 47686
e	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1) 0
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2) 0
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3) 0
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4) 35731
▶ MARKET VALUE ADJUSTMENT		
	(5) Total deductions	7e(5) 35731
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f 11955

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Health (other than dental or vision) | b <input type="checkbox"/> Dental | c <input type="checkbox"/> Vision | d <input type="checkbox"/> Life insurance |
| e <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary disability (accident and sickness) | f <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term disability | g <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental unemployment | h <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drug |
| i <input type="checkbox"/> Stop loss (large deductible) | j <input type="checkbox"/> HMO contract | k <input type="checkbox"/> PPO contract | l <input type="checkbox"/> Indemnity contract |
| m <input type="checkbox"/> 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)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....		9b(1)	
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves		9b(2)	
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention	9c(1)(H)		0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:			
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier		10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount		10b	
Specify nature of costs.			

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-1824695</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>10</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>14183970</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>14183970</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>21</u>	<u>1768198</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>51</u>	<u>1374806</u>
	c For active participants	<u>90</u>	<u>7784203</u>
	d Total	<u>162</u>	<u>10927207</u>
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)		
	a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	
	b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	
5	Effective interest rate	5	<u>5.42 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>980642</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>0</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>980642</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>06/18/2025</u>
	<u>ANDREW SLEZAK, EA, MSPA, MAAA</u>	Date
	Type or print name of actuary	<u>23-08347</u>
	<u>SHORE TOMPKINS ACTUARIAL RESOURCES</u>	Most recent enrollment number
	Firm name	<u>312-762-5945</u>
	<u>2 N RIVERSIDE PLAZA SUITE 1230 CHICAGO, IL 60606</u>	Telephone number (including area code)
	Address of the firm	

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

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances		(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7	Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of _____ %		
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a	Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
b(1)	Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.58</u> %		0
b(2)	Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		
c	Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
d	Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12	Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13	Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages			
14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	128.63 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	128.63 %
16	Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	134.55 %
17	If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls		18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:				
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	
Totals ▶			18(b)	0	18(c)	0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	0

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? Yes No

c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

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

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

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.00 %	3rd segment: 5.74 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
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b Applicable month (enter code)..... **21b** 0

22 Weighted average retirement age **22** 65

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions) Prescribed - combined Prescribed - separate 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..... Yes No

25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment. Yes 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. Yes No

b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ... Yes 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** 980642

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a **31b** 980642

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** 0

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement			0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)..... **36** 0

37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)..... **37** 0

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36) **38a** 0

b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances **38b**

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. 2019 2020 2021

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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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

VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY	PO BOX 990067 HARTFORD, CA 06199-0067
71-0294708	

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	SERVICE PROVIDER	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	11140	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	SERVICE PROVIDER	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7427	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			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
MORNINGSTAR	27	7427
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY 36-3297908	INVESTMENT ADVISORY (PLAN)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY	27	11140
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VOYA LIFE INSURANCE & ANNUITY CO. 71-0294708	INVESTMENT ADVISORY (PLAN)	
(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:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

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d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

A Name of plan <u>STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>003</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-1824695</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SEPARATE ACCOUNT D</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-003</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>SEPARATE ACCOUNT D</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>71-0294708-000</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>16260018</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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c EIN-PN

d Entity code

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c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor

c EIN-PN

a Plan name

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c EIN-PN

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning **10/01/2023** and ending **09/30/2024**

A Name of plan STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-1824695

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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.

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a 0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1) 0	0
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2) 0	0
(3) Other	1b(3) 0	0
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1) 0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2) 0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A) 0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B) 0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A) 0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B) 0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5) 0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6) 0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7) 0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8) 0	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9) 0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10) 14155737	16260018
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11) 0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12) 0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13) 0	0
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14) 28232	11203
(15) Other	1c(15) 0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	14183969	16271221
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	14183969	16271221

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)	0	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	0	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		0
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	0	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	51086	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		51086
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(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)		2833802
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2884888

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	796536	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		796536
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)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	1100	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		1100
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		797636

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2087252
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: **PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC**

(2) EIN: **33-1498605**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.).....		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....			
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 541514.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 STERLING FEDERAL BANK, FSB	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-1824695	

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
EIN(s): 71-0294708

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	8
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Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment.....

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

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

Sterling Federal Bank, FSB
Retirement Plan and Trust

Financial Report
September 30, 2024

Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of September 30, 2024 and 2023 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended and the statement of accumulated plan benefits as of September 30, 2023 and the related statement of changes in accumulated plan benefits for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of September 30, 2024 and 2023 and for the years then ended stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

To the Plan Administrator
Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that audits 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 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 audits in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- 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 audits in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

To the Plan Administrator
Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of September 30, 2024 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplemental information required by the DOL'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 included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to 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. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).
- The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year as of September 30, 2024 that accompanies the financial statements does not disclose the historical cost of certain nonparticipant directed plan assets held by a qualified institution. Disclosure of this information is required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the ERISA.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

Chicago, Illinois
May 27, 2025

Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits

September 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments at fair value: (Note 5)		
Pooled separate accounts	\$16,260,018	\$14,155,738
Unallocated contract	\$11,203	\$28,232
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$16,271,221	\$14,183,970

Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Additions		
Investment income:		
Interest	51,087	9,762
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	2,833,800	1,456,752
Total investment income	2,884,887	1,466,514
Total additions	2,884,887	1,466,514
Deductions		
Benefits paid directly to participants or beneficiaries	796,536	1,379,053
Administrative expenses	1,100	1,150
Total deductions	797,636	1,380,203
Net Increase	2,087,251	86,311
Net Assets Available for Benefits		
Beginning of year	14,183,970	14,097,659
End of Year	\$16,271,221	\$14,183,970

Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

Statement of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Year Ended September 30, 2023

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Participants currently receiving benefit payments	\$1,575,146
Terminated participants with deferred benefits	1,145,219
Active participants with deferred benefits	6,846,512
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Total vested benefits	9,566,877
Nonvested benefits	87,979
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Total Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits	\$9,654,856

Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

Statement of Changes in Accumulated Plan Benefits

Year Ended September 30, 2023

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits – Beginning of Year	\$9,454,801
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:	
Changes in assumptions	0
Benefits accumulated and actuarial losses	1,009,365
Benefits paid	(1,379,053)
Increase for interest	569,743
Net Increase	200,055
Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits – End of Year	\$9,654,856

Note 1 - Plan Description

The following description of Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined benefit plan covering all employees of Sterling Federal Bank, FSB (the "Sponsor") who have completed one year of service, as defined in the plan document. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

On July 19, 2022, management approved an amendment to freeze the Plan that goes into effect as of September 2, 2023. Any employee hired after September 2, 2022 will not be eligible to participate in the Plan.

Vesting

Participants are considered to have completed one year of service for the purpose of vesting upon the completion of 1,000 hours of service at any time during twelve consecutive months. Participants become fully vested after five years of service.

Pension Benefits

Employees with five or more years of service are entitled to monthly pension benefits beginning at the normal retirement age of sixty-five. An employee accrued benefit is based on a retirement formula equal to 2 percent of such participant's average monthly compensation multiplied by the employee's total number of years of service, including fractional years.

Average annual compensation means the average annual compensation over 5 consecutive determination periods that produces the highest average, using compensation for the plan year. Compensation means wages that are shown as taxable wages on IRS Form W-2. Compensation includes any amount deferred on a tax-preferred basis to any Company benefit plan and certain amounts that are paid after termination of employment and deemed Code section 125 compensation. Compensation excludes the following items (even if includible in your income): reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits (cash and noncash), moving expenses, deferred compensation, and welfare benefits. Compensation will include only that compensation which is actually paid by the Company while participating in the Plan. Compensation also excludes irregular or additional compensation that exceeds basic or regular compensation unless paid primarily based on commissions and/or draws.

A retired participant receiving monthly benefits will be entitled to annual increases. The annual increase will be equal to 1 percent of the retired participant's annual benefit multiplied by the number of years from the year the participant attained age 65 to the current year.

Participants who retire after age 65 will be entitled to a retirement benefit equal to the increase in the participant's accrued benefit at the close of each plan year, as determined by the actuarial increase adjustment factor offset by total benefit distributions.

If a participant is married on the date pension payments commence, the benefit shall be paid in the form of a reduced joint and survivor pension unless the participant elects otherwise.

Benefit Payments

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the present value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or monthly installments guaranteed over a 12-year period. Participants employed prior to June 30, 2020 may elect to receive payment of a reduced amount of their vested interest once they reach their early retirement age, as defined in the plan document. Other forms of payment are available at the participants' election, as defined in the plan document.

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Note 1 – Plan Description (Continued)

Party-in-interest Transactions

Certain plan assets are in investment funds managed by Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company or its affiliates. Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company is the custodian of the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions as defined under ERISA guidelines.

Additionally, certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Sponsor, which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Investment Valuation

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value, except as noted below. The unallocated contract invests in the general assets of Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company (Voya); however, since there are no specific securities in Voya's general account related to this contract and due to the contract terms, including the frequency of the interest rate reset intervals, contract value approximates fair value. Contract value represents deposits made to the contract, plus earnings at guaranteed crediting rates, less withdrawals and fees.

The pooled separate accounts are valued at the NAV of the funds, which is based on the funds' underlying investments. There are no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on these investments. See Note 5 for additional information.

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions, that are attributable, under the Plan's provisions, to the service employees have rendered. These include benefits expected to be paid to the following:

- (a) Retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries
- (b) Beneficiaries of employees who have died
- (c) Present employees or their beneficiaries

Benefits are calculated based on active employees' credited years of service multiplied by 2 percent of their average monthly compensation and include annual increases, as defined in the plan document.

Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by an actuary and is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money and probability of payment between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

September 30, 2024 and 2023

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation of the Plan at September 30, 2023 are summarized as follows:

Retirement age	A scale consistent with the Sponsor's experience, from age 45 (early) to age 65 (normal)
Actuarial cost method	Projected unit credit
Assumed rate of return	6.50 percent per annum
Mortality basis	Adjusted RP-2014 Total Dataset Employee Table, separate for males and females, projected by Scale MP-2021

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

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. Administrative fees related to repetitive distributions are charged directly to the Plan and included in administrative expense. Investment-related expenses are included in net investment income.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. It is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term, and that such changes could materially affect the financial statements.

Subsequent Events

The financial statements and related disclosures include evaluation of events up through and including May 27, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Certified Information

Voya holds the Plan's investments and executes all related transactions. The investment balances and related investment income and losses included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year are based solely on information certified by Voya.

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Note 4 - Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated May 5, 2012 indicating that the Plan, as designed, is qualified for tax-exempt treatment under the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, management believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements

Accounting standards require certain assets and liabilities be reported at fair value in the financial statements and provide a framework for establishing that fair value. The framework for determining fair value is based on a hierarchy that prioritizes the valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value.

Level 1

Fair values determined by Level 1 inputs use quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2

Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs use other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly. These Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset.

Level 3

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs, including inputs that are available in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the related asset.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Plan's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following tables present information about the Plan's assets measured on a recurring basis at September 30, 2024 and 2023:

September 30, 2024

Investments Measured at Fair Value	Total	Level 1	Level 2
Unallocated Contract	\$11,203	\$0	\$11,203
Sub-Total	<u>\$11,203</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$11,203</u>

Investments Measured at Net Asset Value - Pooled Separate Accounts

		Total
Bonds	(1)	\$6,330,399
Large Cap Growth Stocks	(2)	2,029,154
Large Cap Value Stocks	(3)	3,070,681
Small/Mid/Specialty Stocks	(4)	1,674,552
Global/International Stocks	(5)	3,155,232
Sub-Total		<u>\$16,260,018</u>
Total		<u>\$16,271,221</u>

September 30, 2023

Investments Measured at Fair Value	Total	Level 1	Level 2
Unallocated Contract	\$28,232	\$0	\$28,232
Sub-Total	<u>\$28,232</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$28,232</u>

Investments Measured at Net Asset Value - Pooled Separate Accounts

		Total
Bonds	(1)	\$5,747,692
Large Cap Growth Stocks	(2)	1,650,663
Large Cap Value Stocks	(3)	2,684,619
Small/Mid/Specialty Stocks	(4)	1,400,663
Global/International Stocks	(5)	2,672,101
Sub-Total		<u>\$14,155,738</u>
Total		<u>\$14,183,970</u>

- (1) This class represents investments in actively managed pooled separate accounts with investments in global, multisector, inflation protected, short-term and intermediate term bonds.
- (2) This class represents investments in actively managed pooled separate accounts with investments primarily in large cap common stocks of companies that appear to offer superior opportunities for growth of capital.
- (3) This class represents investments in actively managed pooled separate accounts with investments in large cap common stocks and other equity securities of companies that are income producing and that provide an opportunity for growth of principal, including stocks that appear to be undervalued.
- (4) This class represents investments in actively managed pooled separate accounts with investments primarily in

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Note 5 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

common and preferred stocks, as well as convertible bonds of small cap, mid cap, and specialty (real estate and commodity) companies that offer both current income and capital appreciation.

- (5) This class represents investments in actively managed pooled separate accounts with investments primarily in a blend of foreign equity securities of small, mid, and large cap companies in established and emerging markets that offer both current income and capital appreciation.

Note 6 - Funding Policy

The Sponsor's funding policy is to make necessary and periodic contributions to provide for current service and for any unfunded projected benefit obligation over a reasonable period. To the extent these requirements are covered by assets in the Plan, the Sponsor may elect not to make any contribution in a particular year. Annual contributions meet or exceed the minimum funding requirements of ERISA. No participant contributions are permitted.

Note 7 - Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Sponsor has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

1. Provide benefits for all participants or beneficiaries whose benefits have been, or could have been, in pay status for the entire three-year period prior to termination, based on the plan provisions in effect during the five-year period ending on such date under which such benefit would be the least
2. Provide all other benefits guaranteed under Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (without regard to the limitation of Section 4022(b)(3) or the limitation on benefits payable to "substantial owners" of Section 4022(b)(5))
3. Provide all other vested benefits other than those becoming nonforfeitable solely on account of the termination of the Plan
4. Provide all other benefits under the Plan

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) guarantees the payment of all nonforfeitable basic benefits subject to certain limitations prescribed by ERISA. Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide those benefits and may also depend on the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

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Schedule of Active Participant Data

Plan Year: 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024

Valuation Date: 10/1/2023

Svc/ Age	<1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	Total
<25	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
25-29	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
30-34	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
35-39	2	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
40-44	0	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
45-49	2	3	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	10
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
50-54	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
55-59	2	3	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	11
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
60-64	0	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
65-69	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
70+	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	13	39	13	8	17	0	0	0	0	0	90
Avg Mo Comp	n/a	3349	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4963

* Employees who have not met the minimum eligibility requirements are excluded

Average Age: 43.7

Average Service: 7

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Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Method

Plan Year: 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024

Valuation Date: 10/1/2023

	For Funding			For Actuarial Equivalence	
	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>			
Interest Rates	Seg 1:	4.75%	3.82%	Seg 1:	5.35%
	Seg 2:	5.00%	4.59%	Seg 2:	5.28%
	Seg 3:	5.74%	4.63%	Seg 3:	5.10%
 Pre-Retirement					
Turnover	T-1 LESS GA51M WITHDRAWAL RATES None				
Mortality	Male-2023 Static Table - Non-Annuitant		None		
	Male Female-2023 Static Table -		Non-Annuitant Female		
Assumed Ret Age	Normal retirement age 65		Normal retirement age 65		
Early Ret Rates	Percentage of remaining lives that retire early at the indicated number of years before NRA				
	<u>Years to Retire</u>	<u>Pct Retire</u>			
	1	10.00%			
	2	25.00%			
	3	25.00%			
	4	10.00%			
	5	10.00%			
	6	10.00%			
	7	9.00%			
	8	9.00%			
	9	8.00%			
	10	8.00%			
	11	7.00%			
	12	7.00%			
	13	6.00%			
	14	6.00%			
	15	5.00%			
Disability	Sterling Federal Bank, FSB		None		
 Post-Retirement					
COLA Increases	1% increase per year		1% increase per year		
Mortality	Male-2023 Static Table - Annuitant Male		2023 Applicable Mortality Table from		
	Female-2023 Static Table - Annuitant Female		Notice 2022-22		

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Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Method

Plan Year: 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024

Valuation Date: 10/1/2023

Assumed Benefit Form For Funding

Normal Form

Assumed Spouse's Age

Spouse assumed to be the same age as participant

Participant is assumed to be married to current spouse at retirement if spouse's date of birth is known

Calculated Effective Interest Rate

5.42%

Actuarial Cost Method

The Unit Credit funding method was used as prescribed by the Pension Protection Act. This method sets the funding target equal to the present value of accrued benefits, and sets the normal cost equal to the present value of the benefit accrued in the current year.

An actuarial value of assets is used for funding purposes. This year the actuarial value of assets is 100.0% of the market value of assets.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <hr/> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <hr/> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> <hr/> 2023 <hr/> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 10/01/2023 and ending 09/30/2024

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

A Name of plan Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF Sterling Federal Bank, FSB	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-1824695	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information			
1 Enter the valuation date: Month <u>10</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2023</u>			
2 Assets:			
a Market value.....	2a	14,183,970	
b Actuarial value.....	2b	14,183,970	
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment.....	21	1,768,198	1,768,198
b For terminated vested participants.....	51	1,374,806	1,374,806
c For active participants.....	90	7,784,203	7,883,722
d Total.....	162	10,927,207	11,026,726
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	5.42%	
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals.....	6a	980,642	
b Expected plan-related expenses.....	6b	0	
c Target normal cost.....	6c	980,642	

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	06/18/2025
	Andrew Slezak, EA, MSPA, MAAA	Date
	Type or print name of actuary	2308347
	Shore Tompkins Actuarial Resources	Most recent enrollment number
	Firm name	312-762-5945
		Telephone number (including area code)
	2 N Riverside Plaza	
	Suite 1230	
	Chicago IL 60606	
	Address of the firm	

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

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

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

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

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

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

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

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c).....	31a	980,642	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	980,642	
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	0	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement.....			0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	0	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....	37	0	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	0	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b		
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

Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

Summary of Plan Provisions
Plan Year: 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024
Valuation Date: 10/1/2023

Plan Effective Date	January 1, 1956
Plan Year	From October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024
Eligibility	All employees not excluded by class are eligible to enter on the beginning of the month coincident with or following the completion of the following requirements: 1 year of service
Normal Retirement Age	All participants are eligible to retire with their full retirement benefit on attainment of age 65
Normal Retirement Benefit	Upon normal retirement each participant will be entitled to a benefit payable in the normal form equal to the following: 2% of average compensation per credited year of service with a maximum of 50 years. Credited years are 12-month periods from date of entry to the anniversaries of date of entry excluding years before the effective date. The maximum monthly benefit is the lesser of \$22,083.33 and 100% of the highest 3-year average salary, subject to service requirements. The benefit is based on average salary during the highest 5 consecutive years of service from date of hire.
Early Retirement Age	Attainment of age 45
Early Retirement Benefit	3% per year
Normal Form of Benefit	A benefit payable for the life of the participant increasing each year after retirement and payments guaranteed for 12 years
Accrued Benefit	The normal retirement benefit described above calculated based on salary and/or service on the calculation date, and payable on the normal retirement date. Credited years are 12-month periods from date of entry to the anniversaries of date of entry excluding the following: Years before the effective date
Termination Benefit	Upon termination for any reason other than death, disability or retirement a participant shall be entitled to a portion of the actuarial equivalent of his accrued benefit in accordance with the following vesting schedule:

<u>Credited Years</u>	<u>Vested Percent</u>
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0

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Summary of Plan Provisions
Plan Year: 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024
Valuation Date: 10/1/2023

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Credited years are plan years from the first day of the plan year containing date of entry excluding the following:

Years before the effective date
Years before age 18
Years with less than 1,000 hours

Top-Heavy Status

A plan is top-heavy if over 60% of the value of all accrued benefits in all of the employer's plans are for the benefit of key employees. A key employee is generally an officer or owner of the company. This plan is currently not top-heavy.

Death Benefit

Actuarial Equivalent of the accrued benefit earned to date of death

Disability

Equal to present value of the accrued benefit

Sterling Federal Bank, FSB Retirement Plan and Trust

Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year

Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV Line 4i

EIN 36-1824695, Plan No. 003

September 30, 2024

Identity of Issuer (a)(b)	Description of Investment (c)	Cost (d)	Current Value (e)
Pooled Separate Accounts:			
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	MFS Value Fund - Class R2	**	\$1,918,712
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	Voya Intermediate Bond Portfolio – Class 1	**	1,893,809
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	Voya International Index Portfolio - Class I	**	1,638,763
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	Voya US Bond Index Portfolio - Class I	**	1,416,152
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	American Funds Washington Mutual Investors Fund	**	1,151,968
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	PIMCO Low Duration Fund - Class R	**	1,108,729
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	VY JPMorgan Emrg Mkts Eq Port Srv	**	1,017,409
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	American Funds Growth Fnd R3	**	1,015,832
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	Voya Large Cap Growth Portfolio - Service Class	**	1,013,323
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	Voya Russell Small Cap Index Portfolio - Class I	**	839,479
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	Loomis Sayles Bond Fund - Retail Class	**	799,610
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	PIMCO Intl Bd Fd US DI-Hdg A	**	635,022
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	Victory Trv Intl SmCp Fd A	**	499,060
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	PIMCO VIT Real Return Portfolio - Admin Class	**	477,076
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	PIMCO Commodity Real Return Strategy Fund	**	337,805
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	Voya Mid Cap Opportunity Portfolio - Class I	**	336,912
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	VY CBRE RI Estate Prt Srv	**	160,357
Total Pooled Separate Accounts – Line 1(c)(10)			16,260,018
Voya Retirement Insurance & Annuity Company*	Unallocated contract - Voya Fixed Account – A	**	11,203
Total			\$16,271,221

*Party-in-interest transaction

**Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company was not able to provide the historical cost of the investment. Disclosure of this information is required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations under ERISA.