

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></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><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: 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>▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2024</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 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 09/20/2024

**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><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> 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>CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC</u></p> <p><u>8010 STAGE HILLS BLVD</u> <u>BARTLETT, TN 38133-4032</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1991</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-1604350</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>901-930-0700</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>722513</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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/14/2025	GRETTA MILES
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	239
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	0
	<b>6a(2)</b>	0
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	0
	<b>6d</b>	0
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	0
	<b>6g(1)</b>	219
	<b>6g(2)</b>	0
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 3D 3H

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> 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)

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

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**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.

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**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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>	
	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.	
<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	4 0
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5 0
<b>6</b>	<b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	6b
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	6c
<b>d</b>	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
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment                      (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	7b 0
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	7c(1)
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)
	(4) Transferred from separate account .....	7c(4)
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7c(5)
	(6) Total additions .....	7c(6) 0
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) .....	7d 0
<b>e</b>	<b>Deductions:</b>	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	7e(1)
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	7e(3)
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7e(4)
(5) Total deductions .....	7e(5) 0	
<b>f</b>	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f 0

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</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. ....	<b>10b</b>	

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. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>47-1604350</b>	

**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15	NONE	19466	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
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<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS 2060 TD</u>				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS 2055</u>				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS 2050</u>				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS 2045</u>				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS 2040</u>				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS 2035</u>				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<u>0</u>	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS 2030</u>				
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>JOHN HANCOCK USA</u>				
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>01-0233346-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> 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: [AMERICAN FUNDS 2025](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [AMERICAN FUNDS 2020](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [AMERICAN FUNDS 2015](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [JH MANAGED VOLATILITY CON](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [AMG RIVER ROAD MID CAP VALUE](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [INTL EQUITY INDEX FUND](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [VANGUARD SMALL CAP VALUE INDEX](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [500 INDEX FUND](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [AMERICAN FUNDS 2065](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: [MUTUAL GLOBAL DISCOVERY](#)

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): [JOHN HANCOCK USA](#)

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <a href="#">01-0233346-001</a>	<b>d</b> Entity code <a href="#">P</a>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<a href="#">0</a>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **NEW PERSPECTIVE FUND**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **JOHN HANCOCK**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-001</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<b>0</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **VANGUARD VALUE INDEX FUND**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **JOHN HANCOCK**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-001</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<b>0</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **JOHN HANCOCK BOND FUND**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **JOHN HANCOCK**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-001</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<b>0</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **JH MANAGED VOLATILITY GROWTH**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **JOHN HANCOCK**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-001</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<b>0</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **T. ROWE PRICE SPECTRUM INC**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **JOHN HANCOCK**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-001</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<b>0</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **INVESTMENT COMPANY OF AMERICA**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **JOHN HANCOCK**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-001</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<b>0</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **BLACKROCK LARGE CAP FOCUS VAL**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **JOHN HANCOCK**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-001</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<b>0</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **FEDERATED HIGH YIELD BOND**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **JOHN HANCOCK**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-001</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<b>0</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: **NY LIFE INSURANCE ANCHOR ACCOUNT**

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): **JOHN HANCOCK**

<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>01-0233346-001</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	<b>0</b>
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>09/20/2024</b>			
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN</b>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:80%;"><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width:20%; text-align: center;"><b>001</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC</b>	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>47-1604350</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>47-1604350</b>	
<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>47-1604350</b>			

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>		
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	14216	0
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	1593621	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>		
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	1607837	0
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	1607837	0

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

<b>Income</b>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		0
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	354	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		354
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		0
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)		179875
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d		180229

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	1757854	
(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)		1757854
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g		5771
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	24441	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees .....	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses .....	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)		24441
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j		1788066

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k		-1607837
<b>l</b> 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: **DANNIBLE & MCKEE, LLP**

(2) EIN: **33-0996661**

**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
<b>a</b> 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>b</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	
<b>c</b> 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	
<b>d</b> 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	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> 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	
<b>h</b> 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	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>j</b> 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	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	X		
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> 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.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 09/20/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>47-1604350</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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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..... 

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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): 01-0233346

**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..... 

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (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.**

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	<b>6a</b>	
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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).....	<b>6c</b>	

**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

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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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

<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (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:

<b>a</b> 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).....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</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).....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> 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).....	<b>14c</b>	

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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.....	<b>16b</b>	

**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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702814A.



CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC 401(k)

RETIREMENT PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Independent Auditor's Report

July 9, 2025

To the Participants and Plan Administrator of the  
Carolina Quality, LLC 401(k) Retirement Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Carolina Quality, LLC 401(k) Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of September 20, 2024 (Date of Transfer) and December 31, 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the period January 1, 2024 through September 20, 2024 (Date of Transfer) and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of September 20, 2024 and December 31, 2023, and for the period of January 1, 2024 through September 20, 2024, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 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.

- 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.

### ***Emphasis of Matter - Terminating Plan***

As further discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Plan Administrator of the Carolina Quality, LLC 401(k) Retirement Plan chose to terminate the Plan on May 12, 2024. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting from the ongoing plan basis used in presenting the 2023 financial statements to the liquidation basis used in presenting the 2024 financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements***

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

an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

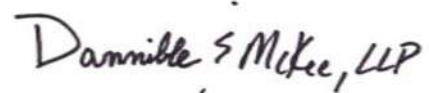
In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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.



Dannible & McKee, LLP  
Schenectady, New York

CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS IN LIQUIDATION

<u>Assets</u>	<u>September 20, 2024</u>	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
Investments, at net asset value (Notes 1, 2, 4 and 5)	\$ -	\$ 1,593,621
Notes receivable from participants (Notes 1, 2 and 4)	<u>-</u>	<u>14,216</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,607,837</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC 401(K) RETIREMENT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

IN LIQUIDATION

	January 1 through September 20, 2024	Year ended December 31, 2023
Additions in net assets attributed to:-		
Investment income (Notes 1, 2, 4 and 5):		
Net appreciation in investments	\$ 179,875	\$ 223,620
Interest received on notes receivable from participants (Notes 1, 2 and 4)	354	1,221
Total additions	<u>180,229</u>	<u>224,841</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefit payments (Notes 1 and 2)	1,757,854	3,890
Deemed Distributions (Note 2)	5,771	-
Administrative expenses (Notes 2 and 5)	<u>24,441</u>	<u>29,017</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,788,066</u>	<u>32,907</u>
Net increase (decrease)	(1,607,837)	191,934
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of period	<u>1,607,837</u>	<u>1,415,903</u>
End of period	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,607,837</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## CAROLINA QUALITY, LLC 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1 - Description of plan

The following description of the Carolina Quality, LLC 401(k) Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General - The Plan was a qualified defined-contribution plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, with a Section 401(k) salary deferral provision. Effective May 15, 2022, the Plan was frozen, and all contributions ceased or were suspended. Prior to May 15, 2022, the Plan covered all eligible employees (as defined in the plan document) of Carolina Quality, LLC and its related participating employers (collectively known as the “Company”) after obtaining the age of twenty-one and having completed twelve months of service. All assets acquired under the Plan were the result of employee and employer contributions thereto and all income and additions thereto were administered, distributed, forfeited or otherwise governed by the provisions of the Plan and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Plan amendment and termination - The Company had the right under the plan agreement to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, all participants would become 100% vested in their account balances. The Trustee of the Plan elected to terminate the Plan effective May 12, 2024. All assets of the Plan were distributed through September 20, 2024 (“Date of Liquidation”). The Plan ceased operations at the end of business on September 20, 2024.

Plan provisions - The Plan had implemented certain required provisions of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (the SECURE Act), a law which, among others, extended the age for required minimum distributions to seventy-two.

Eligibility and contributions - As mentioned above, effective May 15, 2022, the Plan was frozen, and all contributions ceased or were suspended.

Participant accounts - Each participant account was credited with the participant’s elective deferral contribution, the Company’s contributions and plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations were based on participants’ compensation or account balances, as defined by the plan agreement. The benefit to which a participant was entitled was the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account. Participants were able to access their account information via John Hancock’s website where they had the ability to request distributions.

Vesting - Participants were immediately vested in their elective salary deferral contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company’s discretionary contributions plus actual earnings thereon was based on years of continuous service. A participant vested at a rate of 25% after one year of service and 25% each year thereafter, with full vesting upon completion of four years of service. In addition to management terminating the plan, as mentioned above, a participant was considered 100% vested in the Company’s discretionary contributions if any of the following occurred prior to attaining five years of service: attainment of normal retirement age, death, and permanent and total disability.

Forfeitures and non-vested accounts - Forfeited non vested accounts could be used to pay administrative expenses in accordance with the governing plan document. There were no unused forfeitures for the Company to utilize during the period ended September 20, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023.

Notes receivable from participants - Effective May 15, 2022, new loans were not permitted by the Plan. Prior to May 15, 2022, participants could have borrowed a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance from their accounts. The notes bore interest at a rate based on prevailing interest rates charged by financial institutions under similar terms at the date of issuance; however, the rate could have been changed at the discretion of the Plan Administrator. The interest rate for loans ranged from 5.25% to 7.50%. The term of the repayment period could not exceed five years, except if the loan was used to acquire a residence, then the repayment period could be extended beyond five years. The notes were secured by the vested balance in the participant's account. According to requirements of the participant note program, the Plan Administrator would treat a note in default if any scheduled payment remained unpaid beyond ninety days.

Investment options - Effective May 15, 2022, the Plan no longer permitted participants to make changes to their investment options. Prior to May 15, 2022, upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant could direct contributions in any of the investment options offered by the Plan and could change their investment options online daily.

Payment of benefits - Upon termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant could elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the vested value of his or her account. Participants could also elect to rollover funds into another qualified plan or individual retirement account. If at the time a participant was terminated and their vested account balance was less than \$1,000, it would be automatically distributed to the participant in a lump sum. Additionally, participants were permitted to make in-service withdrawals of account balances from the Plan. To qualify for this type of withdrawal, the participant must have attained the age of fifty-nine and one-half or must meet certain criteria for a hardship withdrawal, as outlined in the plan document.

Hardship withdrawals - A participant could apply for a hardship withdrawal to assist in the payment of several types of personal hardships as defined by the plan document. Any hardship distribution was limited to the amount necessary to meet the financial need.

#### Note 2 - Summary of accounting policies

Method of accounting - The Plan maintained its accounting records and financial statements on the accrual method of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Effective May 12, 2024, the Plan Administrator adopted a resolution to terminate the Plan. As a result, the Plan's financial statements as of September 20, 2024, and for the period January 1, 2024 through September 20, 2024 ("Date of Liquidation"), have been prepared on the liquidation basis, in accordance with U.S. GAAP. This basis of accounting is considered appropriate when, among other things, liquidation of the Plan is probable, and the net realizable value of assets are reasonably determinable. Under the liquidation basis of accounting, assets are stated at their estimated net realizable value and liabilities, if any, are stated at their anticipated settlement amounts.

Use of estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of plan income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment valuation and income recognition - Investments held by the Plan consisted of pooled separate accounts, which were valued at net asset value (“NAV”) as a practical expedient as reported by John Hancock, the sponsor of the funds; see below. All investment values and investment transactions were determined and certified by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (“John Hancock”) the Trustee of the Plan, see Note 4. Purchases and sales of securities were recorded on a trade-date basis. Net appreciation included the Plan’s gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year and interest and dividends earned. Interest income was recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends were recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Pooled separate accounts invested primarily in equities, bonds, real estate, and mutual funds, which were mainly publicly traded securities. Pooled separate accounts were valued at NAV per share, which served as a practical expedient to estimate their fair value. The NAV of each pooled separate account was not publicly quoted in the active markets. Each pooled separate account could be redeemed at NAV as of the measurement date and could be redeemed on a daily basis. There were no unfunded commitments or redemption restrictions on these investments as of September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023. The investments measured at NAV per share used as a practical expedient were not required to be classified in the fair value hierarchy.

The Plan’s investments in the pooled separate accounts included certain John Hancock select funds, premier funds and target date funds. The premier funds sought to achieve as high a total rate of real return on an annual basis as is considered consistent with prudent investment risk and the preservation of capital by investing in a diversified portfolio of investment grade fixed income and high yield debt and related securities. The select funds sought to achieve long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in equity securities. The target date funds sought total return through asset allocation, which was designed to become more conservative over time. As these funds approached and passed the target retirement date, the fund’s objective would shift to seeking current income and some capital appreciation.

Notes receivable from participants - Notes receivable from participants were measured at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest. Management individually reviewed all notes receivable balances that exceeded ninety days from the date of the most recent payment and based on the assessment of credit worthiness, estimated the portion, if any, of the balances that were not collected. Currently, there is no valuation allowance recorded; however, management would record an allowance if and when potentially uncollectible notes receivable from participants would become material. If a participant defaulted on a note receivable and distribution from the participant’s account had been made during the plan year because the participant had left the Plan, the defaulted note receivable would be reported as benefits paid to participants on the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and deducted from the receivable balance.

Payment of benefits - Benefits were recorded when paid.

Administrative costs - Administrative costs, including maintaining participants' accounts, legal costs, and accounting costs, were the obligation of the Plan; however, the Company could pay for such expenses or reimburse the Plan for any payment of these expenses. Costs of managing the investments were paid directly out of the Plan's assets (see Note 5).

Economic dependency and concentration of credit risk - Prior to the liquidation of plan assets, approximately 94% of the Plan's investments were invested with American Funds as of December 31, 2023. Accordingly, the Plan was dependent upon the financial condition of this company.

Subsequent events - Management has evaluated subsequent events through July 9, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available for issue.

#### Note 3 - Tax status of plan

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Plan that the "Prototype Non-Standardized Profit-Sharing Plan with CODA" was designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan was amended since receiving the determination letter. The management of the Company and the Plan Administrator are not aware of any matters that would disqualify the Plan. Accordingly, the Plan had been accounted for as a tax-exempt plan.

The Plan reviewed its operations for uncertain tax positions and believes there are no significant exposures. The Plan included penalties and interest on income tax liabilities in administrative expenses if such amounts arose. The Plan did not incur any penalties and interest for the period ended September 20, 2024 or for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan is no longer subject to regulatory examinations by tax authorities for the closed years before 2021.

#### Note 4 - Information certified by the Plan's Trustee

The Plan Administrator had elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, including investments and notes receivable from participants held as of September 20, 2024 and December 31, 2023, and net appreciation in investments, interest and dividends, and interest received on notes receivable from participants for the period ended September 20, 2024 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, were obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by John Hancock, the Trustee of the Plan. Furthermore, the Plan's independent accountants did not perform auditing procedures with respect to the information except to compare such information to the related information included in the financial statements.

#### Note 5 - Party in interest transactions

The Plan's investments were managed by John Hancock, the Trustee of the Plan. Fees paid for these services qualified as party-in-interest transactions and are included in the net appreciation in investments on the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

The Plan paid for certain expenses related to plan operations and investment advisory services to various service providers, which are party-in-interest transactions under ERISA and are included in administrative expenses on the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits as follows: the Plan contracted with FuturePlan by Ascensus, LLC to provide recordkeeping and third-party administrative services. Fees paid for these services amounted to \$4,975 for the period ended September 30, 2024, and \$600 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Plan contracted with John Hancock to provide investment management services. Fees paid for these services amounted to \$19,466 for the period ended September 30, 2024, and \$28,417 for the year ended December 31, 2023.