

<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: 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 style="text-align: center;"><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; text-align: center;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; 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 12/31/2024

**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>STATES NEWSROOM 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUST</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>STATES NEWSROOM</u></p> <p><u>50 F ST NW STE 460</u> <u>WASHINGTON, DC 20001-5943</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2019</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-2113822</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>919-986-1807</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</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.	07/28/2025	EDWARD ROJAS
	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>	238
<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>	216
	<b>6a(2)</b>	217
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	33
	<b>6d</b>	250
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	250
	<b>6g(1)</b>	206
<b>6g(2)</b>	228	
<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 2T 3D

**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 type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

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

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

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

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>STATES NEWSROOM 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUST</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>STATES NEWSROOM</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>84-2113822</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

<b>PAYCHEX SECURITIES CORPORATION</b>	<b>225 KENNETH DRIVE ROCHESTER, NY 14623</b>
<b>16-1486352</b>	

**(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)

401K GENERATION

195 INTERNATIONAL PARKWAY  
SUITE 311  
LAKE MARY, FL 32746

26-4477125

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	14581	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

PAYCHEX, INC.

911 PANORAMA TRAIL S  
ROCHESTER, NY 14625

16-1124166

(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	RECORDKEEPER	20483	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		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.

<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.	
<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.	

**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:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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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 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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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>STATES NEWSROOM 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUST</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>STATES NEWSROOM</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>84-2113822</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.

<b>Assets</b>	<b>(a) Beginning of Year</b>	<b>(b) End of Year</b>
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b> 0	
<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> 0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b> 0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b> 113730	121214
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b> 0	
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b> 0	
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b> 0	
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b> 0	
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b> 0	
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b> 0	
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b> 0	
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b> 0	
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b> 38990	51205
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b> 0	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b> 0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b> 0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b> 0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b> 4256021	6860753
<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> 0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	4408741	7033172
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	0	
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	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>	4408741	7033172

**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>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	475229	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1439429	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	360997	
(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>		2275655
<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>	5726	
<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>	3879	
<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>		9605
<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>	217625	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		217625
<b>(3)</b> 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 .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		459834
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		2962719

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	303972	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		303972
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		0
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>	33203	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	253	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>	860	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		34316
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		338288

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		2624431
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: WIPFLI LLP

(2) EIN: 39-0758449

**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.		X	

**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 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>STATES NEWSROOM 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN &amp; TRUST</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>STATES NEWSROOM</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>84-2113822</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): 27-3169253

**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 08 / 31 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704150A.

# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

Year Ended December 31, 2024

**States Newsroom** FAIR. FEARLESS. FREE.



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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Plan Administrator  
States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, 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 December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust'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 December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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 Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, 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 financial statements referred to above 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 Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust 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.

### ***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 States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit 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 there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust'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 States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust'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 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 GAAP.

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 GAAP.

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

#### ***Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA***

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*Wipfli LLP*

Wipfli LLP

Lincolnshire, Illinois

July 23, 2025

# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

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<i>December 31,</i>	2024	2023
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Employer contributions	19,721	18,399
Notes receivable from participants	51,205	38,990
Total receivables	125,290	111,330
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 7,107,257	\$ 4,481,081

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	<i>2024</i>
<b>Additions:</b>	
<b>Investment income:</b>	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 459,833
Interest and dividends	223,352
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>683,185</b>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	3,879
<b>Contributions:</b>	
Participants	1,439,852
Employer	476,551
Rollovers	360,997
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>2,277,400</b>
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Benefits paid to participants	303,972
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Net increase	2,626,176
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The Plan is a participant-directed defined contribution plan sponsored by States Newsroom (the Employer or Sponsor). The Sponsor is the Plan administrator, and an employee of the Sponsor is the Plan trustee. Mid-Atlantic Trust Company is the Plan custodian and Paychex, Inc. is responsible for the Plan's recordkeeping.

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### **Note 1: Description of Plan** (Continued)

#### **Vesting**

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and all Employer contributions, plus actual earnings (losses) thereon.

#### **Notes Receivable From Participants**

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 (reduced by any outstanding loan balance) or 95% of one-half the vested account balance. Loan interest is determined at the time the loan is taken out and is paid back to the participants' accounts. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1%, as determined at the date of the loan. Interest rates on existing notes range from 4.25% to 9.50%. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. A participant can only have two loans outstanding at any given time.

#### **Payment of Benefits**

A participant who terminates employment, or qualifies for withdrawal due to death, disability, retirement, or for other reasons as defined, is entitled to receive his or her account in a lump-sum, partial payments, installment payments or in an annuity contract. If the account balance does not exceed \$7,000, the Plan will distribute the benefit in a lump-sum as soon as administratively practicable. Account balances exceeding 75,000 are paid at the participant's discretion. The Plan also allows for an in-service distribution upon attaining age 59 1/2.

### **Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of Accounting**

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

#### **Use of Estimates in Preparation of Financial Statements**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

#### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

## Notes to the financial statements

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### **Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

#### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition** (Continued)

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

#### **Notes Receivable From Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as benefit payments based upon the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### **Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid.

#### **Administrative Expenses**

Expenses directly attributable to a participant's transaction are deducted from the participant's account. Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan. Plan expenses paid directly by the Sponsor are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are allocated proportionately to Plan participants based on their respective account balances and are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

#### **Subsequent Events**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 23, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### **Note 3: Fair Value Measurements**

GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority level; Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets (Level 1); and Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 2 inputs are used for investments for which Level 1 inputs were not available. Level 3 inputs would only be used if Level 1 or Level 2 inputs were not available. There are no Plan assets requiring the use of Level 3 inputs for the periods presented.

# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

## Notes to the financial statements

### Note 3: Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Money market funds:* Fair values are based on net asset value (NAV) of \$1 per share at year-end.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investment assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

	Fair Value of Assets as of December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 121,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121,214
Mutual funds	6,860,753	-	-	6,860,753
<b>Total investments, at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 6,981,967</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,981,967</b>

	Fair Value of Assets as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 113,731	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113,731
Mutual funds	4,256,020	-	-	4,256,020
<b>Total investments, at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 4,369,751</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,369,751</b>

### Note 4: Information Prepared and Certified by the Custodian

The Plan administrator has elected the method of 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 disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and interest and dividend income and net appreciation in fair value of investments for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Mid-Atlantic Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan.

# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

## Notes to the financial statements

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### Note 5: Party-In-Interest Transactions

Administrative expenses from Mid-Atlantic Trust Company and notes receivable from participants, qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These transactions are not, however, considered prohibited under ERISA regulations.

### Note 6: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Plan has the right under the Plan document to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

### Note 7: Tax Status

The Employer adopted a nonstandard prototype document with an IRS notification letter, dated August 31, 2020, which states the prototype plan document is in compliance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the Plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

### Note 8: Risks and Uncertainties

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

### Note 9: Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023 to Form 5500:

	2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 7,107,257	\$ 4,481,081
Employer contributions receivable	(19,721)	(18,399)
Participant contributions receivable	(54,364)	(53,941)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 7,033,172	\$ 4,408,741

# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

## Notes to the financial statements

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### Note 9: Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500 (Continued)

The following is a reconciliation of contributions per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 to Form 5500:

	2024
Total contributions as per the financial statements	\$ 2,277,400
Current year employer contributions receivable	(19,721)
Current year participant contributions receivable	(54,364)
Prior year employer contributions receivable	18,399
Prior year participant contributions receivable	53,941
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Total contributions as per Form 5500	\$ 2,275,655

Employer and participant contributions are recorded on the accrual basis of accounting in the financial statements and on the cash basis on the Form 5500.

## **Supplemental Schedule**

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# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

## Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

EIN #84-2113822 Plan #001

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Federated Hermes U.S. Treasury Cash Reserves	Money Market	**	\$ 121,214
	Fidelity Small Cap Index	Mutual Funds	**	31,182
	Goldman Sachs Small Cap Value Insights Fund Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	**	981
	Macquarie Mid Cap Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Funds	**	29,579
	MFS Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund Class R6	Mutual Funds	**	51,772
	Schwab S&P 500 Index	Mutual Funds	**	406,053
	Vanguard Growth and Income Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	143,250
	Vanguard Equity-Income Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	141,233
	Vanguard Explorer Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	7,692
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	371,630
	DFA International Core Equity Portfolio Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	**	47,348
	DFA Emerging Markets Portfolio Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	**	16,886
	DFA International Small Cap Growth Portfolio	Mutual Funds	**	14,010
	MFS International Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Funds	**	107,195
	Empower U.S. Government Securities Fund Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	**	20,969
	PGIM High Yield Fund- Class R6	Mutual Funds	**	9,195
	Schwab Treasury Inflation Protected Securities Index Fund	Mutual Funds	**	85,578
	Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	125,989
	Voya Intermediate Bond Fund Class I	Mutual Funds	**	16,041
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2055 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	476,505
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index Retirement Income Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	3,210
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2050 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	923,425
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2045 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	877,901
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2040 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	314,037
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2035 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	402,809
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2030 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	425,119
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2025 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	716,127
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2020 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	124,946
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2015 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	76,430
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2060 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	893,661
Total investments at fair value				\$ 6,981,967
	* Notes receivable from participants	***	\$0	\$ 51,205

\* Denotes party-in-interest.

\*\* Information not required for participant directed investments.

\*\*\* Notes receivable from participants with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%, maturing in August 2028.

This schedule has been derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Mid-Atlantic Trust Company, the Plan's custodian, except for notes receivable from participants.

See Independent Auditor's Report

# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

Year Ended December 31, 2024

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Plan Administrator  
States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, 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 December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust'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 December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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 Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, 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 financial statements referred to above 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 Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust 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.

### ***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 States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit 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 there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust'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 States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust'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 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 GAAP.

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Lincolnshire, Illinois

July 23, 2025

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# States Newsroom 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

## Notes to the financial statements

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### **Note 1: Description of Plan** (Continued)

#### **Vesting**

Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and all Employer contributions, plus actual earnings (losses) thereon.

#### **Notes Receivable From Participants**

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 (reduced by any outstanding loan balance) or 95% of one-half the vested account balance. Loan interest is determined at the time the loan is taken out and is paid back to the participants' accounts. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1%, as determined at the date of the loan. Interest rates on existing notes range from 4.25% to 9.50%. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. A participant can only have two loans outstanding at any given time.

#### **Payment of Benefits**

A participant who terminates employment, or qualifies for withdrawal due to death, disability, retirement, or for other reasons as defined, is entitled to receive his or her account in a lump-sum, partial payments, installment payments or in an annuity contract. If the account balance does not exceed \$7,000, the Plan will distribute the benefit in a lump-sum as soon as administratively practicable. Account balances exceeding 75,000 are paid at the participant's discretion. The Plan also allows for an in-service distribution upon attaining age 59 1/2.

### **Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of Accounting**

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

#### **Use of Estimates in Preparation of Financial Statements**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

#### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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## Notes to the financial statements

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### **Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (Continued)

#### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition** (Continued)

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

#### **Notes Receivable From Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as benefit payments based upon the terms of the Plan document. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### **Payment of Benefits**

Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid.

#### **Administrative Expenses**

Expenses directly attributable to a participant's transaction are deducted from the participant's account. Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan. Plan expenses paid directly by the Sponsor are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are allocated proportionately to Plan participants based on their respective account balances and are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

#### **Subsequent Events**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 23, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### **Note 3: Fair Value Measurements**

GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority level; Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets (Level 1); and Level 3 inputs are unobservable and have the lowest priority. The Plan uses appropriate valuation techniques based on the available inputs to measure the fair value of its investments. When available, the Plan measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 2 inputs are used for investments for which Level 1 inputs were not available. Level 3 inputs would only be used if Level 1 or Level 2 inputs were not available. There are no Plan assets requiring the use of Level 3 inputs for the periods presented.

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### Note 3: Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

*Money market funds:* Fair values are based on net asset value (NAV) of \$1 per share at year-end.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investment assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

	Fair Value of Assets as of December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 121,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121,214
Mutual funds	6,860,753	-	-	6,860,753
<b>Total investments, at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 6,981,967</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,981,967</b>

	Fair Value of Assets as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Money market funds	\$ 113,731	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 113,731
Mutual funds	4,256,020	-	-	4,256,020
<b>Total investments, at fair value</b>	<b>\$ 4,369,751</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,369,751</b>

### Note 4: Information Prepared and Certified by the Custodian

The Plan administrator has elected the method of 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 disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including investments held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and interest and dividend income and net appreciation in fair value of investments for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Mid-Atlantic Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan.

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### Note 5: Party-In-Interest Transactions

Administrative expenses from Mid-Atlantic Trust Company and notes receivable from participants, qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These transactions are not, however, considered prohibited under ERISA regulations.

### Note 6: Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Plan has the right under the Plan document to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

### Note 7: Tax Status

The Employer adopted a nonstandard prototype document with an IRS notification letter, dated August 31, 2020, which states the prototype plan document is in compliance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the Plan administrator believes the Plan is designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and has no income subject to unrelated business income tax. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

### Note 8: Risks and Uncertainties

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

### Note 9: Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023 to Form 5500:

	2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 7,107,257	\$ 4,481,081
Employer contributions receivable	(19,721)	(18,399)
Participant contributions receivable	(54,364)	(53,941)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 7,033,172	\$ 4,408,741

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### Note 9: Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500 (Continued)

The following is a reconciliation of contributions per the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024 to Form 5500:

	2024
Total contributions as per the financial statements	\$ 2,277,400
Current year employer contributions receivable	(19,721)
Current year participant contributions receivable	(54,364)
Prior year employer contributions receivable	18,399
Prior year participant contributions receivable	53,941
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Total contributions as per Form 5500	\$ 2,275,655

Employer and participant contributions are recorded on the accrual basis of accounting in the financial statements and on the cash basis on the Form 5500.

## **Supplemental Schedule**

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## Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Federated Hermes U.S. Treasury Cash Reserves	Money Market	**	\$ 121,214
	Fidelity Small Cap Index	Mutual Funds	**	31,182
	Goldman Sachs Small Cap Value Insights Fund Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	**	981
	Macquarie Mid Cap Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Funds	**	29,579
	MFS Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Fund Class R6	Mutual Funds	**	51,772
	Schwab S&P 500 Index	Mutual Funds	**	406,053
	Vanguard Growth and Income Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	143,250
	Vanguard Equity-Income Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	141,233
	Vanguard Explorer Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	7,692
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	371,630
	DFA International Core Equity Portfolio Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	**	47,348
	DFA Emerging Markets Portfolio Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	**	16,886
	DFA International Small Cap Growth Portfolio	Mutual Funds	**	14,010
	MFS International Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Funds	**	107,195
	Empower U.S. Government Securities Fund Institutional Class	Mutual Funds	**	20,969
	PGIM High Yield Fund- Class R6	Mutual Funds	**	9,195
	Schwab Treasury Inflation Protected Securities Index Fund	Mutual Funds	**	85,578
	Vanguard Short-Term Federal Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual Funds	**	125,989
	Voya Intermediate Bond Fund Class I	Mutual Funds	**	16,041
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2055 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	476,505
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index Retirement Income Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	3,210
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2050 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	923,425
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2045 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	877,901
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2040 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	314,037
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2035 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	402,809
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2030 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	425,119
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2025 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	716,127
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2020 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	124,946
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2015 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	76,430
	Nuveen Lifecycle Index 2060 Fund R6 Class	Mutual Funds	**	893,661
Total investments at fair value				\$ 6,981,967
	* Notes receivable from participants	***	\$0	\$ 51,205

\* Denotes party-in-interest.

\*\* Information not required for participant directed investments.

\*\*\* Notes receivable from participants with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%, maturing in August 2028.

This schedule has been derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Mid-Atlantic Trust Company, the Plan's custodian, except for notes receivable from participants.

See Independent Auditor's Report