

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <h1 style="text-align: center;">2024</h1> This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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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

1a Name of plan <u>SBERA 401(K) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>THE SAVINGS BANK</u> <u>357 MAIN STREET</u> <u>WAKEFIELD, MA 01880</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>04/01/1995</u> 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1939290</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>781-246-0400</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>522120</u>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/30/2025	THOMAS FORESE, JR.
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor NRS, LLC C/O SBERA 12 GILL STREET WOBURN, MA 01801		3b Administrator's EIN 81-5140646	
		3c Administrator's telephone number 781-938-6559	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN	
		4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	148	
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c, and 6d).			
6a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	6a(1)	102	
6a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2)	103	
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	4	
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c	45	
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c.....	6d	152	
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	6e	0	
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e.....	6f	152	
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1)	131	
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2)	132	
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6h	0	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7		

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

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1) <input 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
(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
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	

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

a Pension Schedules		b General Schedules	
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary			
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____			
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)			

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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 _____

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <hr/> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE SAVINGS BANK</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1939290</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>SBERA COMMON COLLECTIVE TRUST</u>	
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>SBERA</u>	
c EIN-PN <u>04-2004337-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>21812357</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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c EIN-PN

d Entity code

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

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan SBERA 401(K) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE SAVINGS BANK	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-1939290

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

	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets		
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	
(3) Other	1b(3)	
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	177039
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	162135
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	19163914
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	21812357
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	
(15) Other	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	19340953	21974492
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	19340953	21974492

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	283766	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	802254	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	54248	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		1140268
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	13882	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		13882
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		2684852
(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)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		3839002

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	1205213	
(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)		1205213
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	250	
(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)		250
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		1205463

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		2633539
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **JOHNSON OCONNOR FERON & CARUCCI LLP**

(2) EIN: **20-3985546**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....

1		0
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
EIN(s): 16-1065416

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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Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703964A.

**SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY
THE SAVINGS BANK**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

**SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Savings Banks Employees Retirement Association

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of SBERA 401(k) Plan as adopted by The Savings Bank, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of SBERA 401(k) Plan as adopted by The Savings Bank as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of SBERA 401(k) Plan as adopted by The Savings Bank 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 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 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.

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 SBERA 401(k) Plan as adopted by The Savings Bank'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.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 SBERA 401(k) Plan as adopted by The Savings Bank'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 SBERA 401(k) Plan as adopted by The Savings Bank's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Johnson O'Connor Feron & Carucci LLP

Wakefield, Massachusetts

July 28, 2025

**SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

	December 31,	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Investment - Plan interest in Savings Banks Employees Retirement Association Common Collective Trust, at fair value	\$ 21,812,357	\$ 19,163,914
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>162,135</u>	<u>177,039</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 21,974,492</u>	<u>\$ 19,340,953</u>

See notes to financial statements.

SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
ADDITIONS		
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Plan interest in Savings Banks Employees Retirement Association Common Collective Trust net investment income	\$ 2,684,852	\$ 2,839,580
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	13,882	11,102
Contributions:		
Employer	283,766	274,599
Participant	802,254	715,710
Rollovers	54,248	19,562
	<u>1,140,268</u>	<u>1,009,871</u>
Total additions	<u>3,839,002</u>	<u>3,860,553</u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	1,167,979	687,269
Corrective distributions	37,234	37,234
Administrative expenses	250	450
	<u>1,205,463</u>	<u>724,953</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,205,463</u>	<u>724,953</u>
Net increase	2,633,539	3,135,600
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>19,340,953</u>	<u>16,205,353</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 21,974,492</u>	<u>\$ 19,340,953</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following brief description of the SBERA 401(k) Plan as adopted by The Savings Bank (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for more complete information.

General –

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of The Savings Bank (the Bank). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan is administered by Savings Banks Employees Retirement Association (SBERA) which has overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan. An Investment Committee consisting of the Plan's trustees determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings and monitors investment performance.

The Plan participates in the SBERA Common Collective Trust (the Trust). Under the Trust agreement, the Plan owns a portion of the net assets of the Trust, which represents its interest in the Trust. Within the Trust, each of the member banks' plan assets are jointly invested and the return on the assets is allocated to each plan based on the percentage of ownership each plan has in the Trust's net assets. Contributions made to and benefits paid from the Trust for the Plan result in increases or decreases in the Plan's ownership percentage in the net assets of the Trust.

Eligibility Requirements –

To become eligible for participation, an employee must have reached 21 years of age and have completed 1 year of service.

Contributions –

Each year, participants may contribute to the Plan a percentage of their annual compensation, on a pre-tax basis as defined in the Plan, up to 75% of eligible compensation subject to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) limitations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are also eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans or defined contribution plans (rollovers). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to include a safe harbor matching contribution equal to 100% of eligible participant deferrals, up to 4% of each participant's eligible compensation contributed to the Plan. For the Plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Bank made safe harbor matching contributions of \$283,766 and \$274,599, respectively. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Participant Accounts –

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Bank's contribution and an allocation of Plan earnings. Allocations are based on the participant's earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Investments –

The Plan currently offers a variety of unitized funds comprised of investments contained in the Trust.

Vesting –

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and Bank contributions, plus actual earnings 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 or 50% of their vested account balance. Notes are required to be repaid within 5 years unless the note is to be used for the purchase of a primary residence in which case the note may be repaid within a period of no more than 20 years. Participants may have up to 2 loans outstanding at any time. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%. The note interest rate is set at the prime rate as published by the Wall Street Journal plus 1%. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits –

Upon termination of service, retirement, disability or death, a participant may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account in a lump-sum amount, installment payments or partial payments. In-service withdrawals from the participant's account are available upon reaching age 59½. A participant may withdraw from their rollover account at any time. If a participant's vested account balance is \$1,000 or less, the Plan administrator can distribute the entire balance in a lump-sum amount.

Hardship withdrawals are available from a participant's account, with a minimum amount of \$500, in order to meet a participant's immediate financial need, as defined in the Plan document.

Forfeitures –

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$812 and \$770, respectively. These accounts may be used to offset future Bank contributions, pay eligible Plan expenses, or be reallocated to participants. During the Plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, no forfeited amounts were used by the Plan.

**SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are significant accounting policies followed by the Plan:

Basis of Accounting –

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates –

The preparation of financial statements, in accordance 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 assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition –

The Plan's interest in the Trust is 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. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by its investment managers and custodians.

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 investment income includes interest and dividend income and the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year. The Plan's sole investment at December 31, 2024 and 2023 is its interest in the Trust. Consequently, it recognizes investment income based on its underlying assets in the Trust.

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 charged against participant accounts when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Delinquent notes receivable from participants, if applicable, are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document. The amounts reported on the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 represent the Plan's portion of notes receivable from participants recorded by the Trust.

Payment of Benefits –

Benefit payments to participants are recorded when paid.

SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Administrative Expenses –

Administrative expenses, including investment related fees, are paid directly by the Trust and are reflected in the Plan's share of the Trust net investment activity. In addition, included within the Plan's interest in the Trust's net investment income, in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits, are certain investment related expenses included in the net appreciation in fair value of investments. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants and benefit payments are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses in the accompanying Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Date of Management's Review –

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through July 28, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Trust has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Certain investments are measured using the net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. These investments measured using the NAV practical expedient in *Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820)* are exempt from categorization in the fair value hierarchy.

SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK
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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value by the Trust. There were no changes in these methodologies used by the Trust at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Certificates of deposit:

Certificates of deposit are measured at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Collective funds:

Valued at either the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded or valued at the NAV of units of a collective trust. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value or is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for the current transactions. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Trust to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the Trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Equity securities:

Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Mutual funds:

Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Trust 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 Trust are deemed to be actively traded.

Limited partnerships and hedge funds:

The funds are valued at NAV, without further adjustment, as calculated by the fund's manager based upon the terms and conditions of the organizational documents of the underlying investments, with further consideration to portfolio risks.

Self-directed brokerage account:

The brokerage account is comprised of exchange-traded funds and equities, which are listed on major U.S. exchanges and actively traded. The funds are valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the securities are traded.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future values. Furthermore, although the Trust believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

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

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Certificates of deposit	\$ 9,009,306	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,009,306
Collective funds	172,509,488	-	-	172,509,488
Equity securities	252,509,360	-	-	252,509,360
Mutual funds	150,095,062	-	-	150,095,062
Self-directed brokerage account	320,467	-	-	320,467
Investments measured in the fair value hierarchy	584,443,683	-	-	584,443,683
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	-	-	-	1,448,474,544
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 584,443,683	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,032,918,227

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Certificates of deposit	\$ 11,031,347	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,031,347
Collective funds	143,939,278	-	-	143,939,278
Equity securities	227,254,984	-	-	227,254,984
Mutual funds	195,088,443	-	-	195,088,443
Self-directed brokerage account	167,847	-	-	167,847
Investments measured in the fair value hierarchy	577,481,899	-	-	577,481,899
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	-	-	-	1,280,882,637
Total investments, at fair value	\$ 577,481,899	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,858,364,536

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

There were no transfers to or from Levels 1, 2, and 3 during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient –

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Trust.

SBERA 401(k) PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE SAVINGS BANK
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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient (Continued) –

	Fair Value		Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (If Currently Eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
	2024	2023			
Collective Funds:					
Equity	\$ 690,994,086	\$ 570,350,044	\$ -	Daily	1 to 2 Days
Diversified	215,548,010	189,365,970	-	Daily	1 to 2 Days
Fixed income	351,968,282	296,819,653	-	Daily	1 to 2 Days
International equities	175,120,739	168,338,867	-	Daily	1 to 10 Days
Limited Partnerships:					
Emerging markets	-	40,205,942	-	Monthly	First business day of each calendar month
Hedge Funds:					
Multi-strategy (a)	307,794	159,196	-	Quarterly	90 Days
Global opportunities (b)	2,513,319	2,725,712	-	Quarterly	90 Days
Private investment entities (c)	12,022,314	12,917,253	-	Quarterly	90 Days
	<u>\$ 1,448,474,544</u>	<u>\$ 1,280,882,637</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

- a) This category includes investments in hedge funds that pursue multiple strategies to diversify risks and reduce volatility. Fund objectives are to seek above-average rates of return and long-term capital growth through investments, which are fund of funds with a diversified portfolio of private investment entities and/or separately managed accounts managed by investment managers or achieve superior risk-adjusted capital appreciation over the long-term, generally through an investment, which invests in private investment funds and discretionary managed accounts, structured notes, swaps or other similar products. The fair values of the investments in this category have been determined using the net asset value per share of the fund(s).
- b) This category has an investment strategy to pursue a hybrid absolute return via portfolio managers, secondaries and co-investments with a flexible and opportunistic mandate tactically allocating capital to look to capitalize on market dislocations and inefficiencies. The opportunities are expected to fall within the following strategies: Niche Alternatives and Private Credit and Hedge Fund secondaries. The fair value of the investments in this category have been determined using the last sales price, for listed securities, and in accordance with the agreement terms for portfolio-managed investments, notes, swaps, and other similar products.
- c) The fund’s investment objective is to invest in highly attractive, select investment opportunities by maintaining investments through private investment entities and/or separately managed accounts (each, an Investment or a Portfolio and collectively, the Investments or the Portfolios) with investment management professionals (each a Manager and collectively, the Managers) specializing in various alternative investment strategies. The Managers have broad investment experience and the ability to leverage their existing relationships with corporate management teams, investment banks and other institutions to gain access to certain investment opportunities. As such, the Manager is presented with “best idea” investment opportunities, typically in asset classes where market dislocations or other events have created attractive investment opportunities. The Managers are not restricted in the investment strategies that they may employ across different asset classes and regions. The Manager anticipates that any number of strategies will be eligible for consideration for investment by the fund and the fund reserves the right to invest in any particular strategy or asset class it deems appropriate.

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4. INVESTMENT PLAN INTEREST IN THE TRUST

All of the Plan's investments are in the Trust, which was established for the investment of assets of the Plan and several other member bank sponsored retirement plans. Each participating retirement plan has a divided interest in the Trust. The assets of the Trust are held by several custodians. The Trust allows for daily redemptions. The Plan does not have any unfunded commitments.

The value of the Plan's interest in the Trust is based on the beginning of year value of the Plan's interest in the Trust plus actual contributions and allocated investment income less actual distributions and allocated administrative expenses plus the Plan's portion of notes receivable from participants held as of the plan year end. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Plan's interest in the Trust was approximately 1.02% and 1.00%, respectively. Investment income and administrative expenses relating to the Trust are allocated to the individual plans based upon average monthly balances invested by each plan.

The following table presents the net assets of the Trust:

	December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	
	Master Trust Balances	Plan's Interest in Master Trust Balances	Master Trust Balances	Plan's Interest in Master Trust Balances
ASSETS				
Investments, at fair value:				
Collective funds:				
Fixed income	\$ 524,477,770	\$ 2,095,980	\$ 440,758,931	\$ 2,027,448
Equity	866,114,825	8,072,741	738,688,911	6,998,811
Diversified	215,548,010	6,958,185	189,365,970	6,337,094
Total collective funds	1,606,140,605	17,126,906	1,368,813,812	15,363,353
Equity securities	252,509,360	1,276,850	227,254,984	1,365,587
Mutual funds	150,095,062	277,437	195,088,443	469,802
Limited partnerships	-	-	40,205,942	7,865
Hedge funds	14,843,427	15,512	15,802,161	12,086
Certificates of deposit	9,009,306	-	11,031,347	-
Self-directed brokerage account	320,467	-	167,847	-
Total investments, at fair value	2,032,918,227	18,696,705	1,858,364,536	17,218,693
Cash and cash equivalents	105,466,825	3,101,124	56,791,429	1,939,693
Interest and dividends accrued on investments	29,031,975	122,353	1,454,900	13,693
Accounts receivable and prepaid benefits	591,367	-	587,615	-
Contributions receivable	500,000	-	15,371,000	-
Notes receivable from participants	9,685,828	162,135	9,447,243	177,039
Total assets	2,178,194,222	22,082,317	1,942,016,723	19,349,118
LIABILITIES				
Accrued operating and other expenses	28,433,543	107,825	2,989,462	8,165
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 2,149,760,679	\$ 21,974,492	\$ 1,939,027,261	\$ 19,340,953

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4. INVESTMENT - PLAN INTEREST IN THE TRUST (Continued)

The following table presents the net investment income of the Trust:

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Investment income:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 30,777,255	\$ 28,060,843
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	196,696,815	235,768,698
Total investment income	227,474,070	263,829,541
Administrative expenses	(3,826,280)	(3,937,560)
Total net investment income	\$ 223,647,790	\$ 259,891,981
Portion allocated to this Plan:		
Net investment income	\$ 2,684,852	\$ 2,839,580
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	13,882	11,102
	\$ 2,698,734	\$ 2,850,682

5. PLAN TERMINATION

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

6. TAX STATUS

The SBERA 401(k) Plan as adopted by the Plan is a volume submitter plan. Benefit Plans Administrative Services, LLC maintains the overall volume submitter plan document (master document). Benefit Plans Administrative Services, LLC has applied for and received Internal Revenue Service (IRS) approval of the master document. As of June 30, 2020, a favorable opinion letter has been received by the volume submitter plan sponsor. The Plan has been amended since the date of the opinion letter, however the Plan's Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Department of Labor or IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions, however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

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7. RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan, through its investment in the Trust, invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

8. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Northeast Retirement Services (NRS), by contract with the approval of the Boards of Trustees of SBERA and NRS, provides consulting, recordkeeping and other services in connection with the administration of the 401(k) plan for SBERA. The costs associated with these services are funded by an assessment on each SBERA employer member on a quarterly basis for their proportionate share. In 2024 and 2023, the rate for the 401(k) plan was \$929.50 per employer member (\$1,229.50 for plans with over 100 participants) per quarter, plus \$21.00 per active participant per quarter (\$24.00 for member with bank stock), plus an additional 1.25 basis point assessment on assets.

The Plan invests in a common collective trust managed by SBERA, the Trustee of the Plan. Additionally, Global Trust Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of NRS, is the trustee of two collective funds that the Plan holds investments in. Therefore, these qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Additionally, the Plan extends notes to participants, who are considered parties-in-interest.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	Cost	Current value	
* Plan interest in Savings Banks Employees Retirement Association	Savings Banks Employees Retirement Association Common Collective Trust	**	\$ 21,812,357	
* Participant Loans	Notes with per annum interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50%	- 0 -	<u>162,135</u>	
			<u>\$ 21,974,492</u>	
* Party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.				
** Participant-directed investments for which historical cost information is not required to be presented.				

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