

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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.

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
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, etc.
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: SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 501
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1992
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): THE CITIZENS BANK
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 57-0874845
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 843-396-4314
2d Business code (see instructions): 522110

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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number | |
| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | |
| | 4d PN | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 131 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) | 131 |
| | 6a(2) | 131 |
| | 6b | 0 |
| | 6c | 0 |
| | 6d | 131 |
| | 6e | |
| | 6f | |
| | 6g(1) | |
| 6g(2) | | |
| 6h | | |
| 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:

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
4A 4B 4D 4E 4H

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |

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

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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 A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CITIZENS BANK | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0874845 |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 57-0287419 | 38520 | 71-85417-10 | 31 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

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

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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

- a** Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

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|--|--------------|--|--------------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | | | 7b | |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | | | |
| | 7c(2) | | | |
| | 7c(3) | | | |
| | 7c(4) | | | |
| | 7c(5) | | | |
| (6) Total additions | | | 7c(6) | |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | | | 7d | |
| e Deductions: | | | | |
| | 7e(1) | | | |
| | 7e(2) | | | |
| | 7e(3) | | | |
| | 7e(4) | | | |
| (5) Total deductions | | | 7e(5) | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | | | 7f | 0 |

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
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- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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| a Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | 347679 | | |
| (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | | |
| (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | | |
| (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | 9a(4) | | | 347679 |
| b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | 846823 | | |
| (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | | |
| (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | 9b(3) | | | 846823 |
| (4) Claims charged | 9b(4) | | | 846823 |
| c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | | |
| (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | | |
| (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | 21049 | | |
| (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | | |
| (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | | |
| (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | | |
| (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | | |
| (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | | |
| (H) Total retention | 9c(1)(H) | | | 21049 |
| (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | 9c(2) | | | |
| d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | 9d(1) | | | |
| (2) Claim reserves | 9d(2) | | | |
| (3) Other reserves | 9d(3) | | | |
| e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | 9e | | | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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| a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | |
| b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
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| b Balance at the end of the previous year | | | 7b | |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | | | |
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| | 7c(5) | | | |
| (6) Total additions | | | 7c(6) | |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | | | 7d | |
| e Deductions: | | | | |
| | 7e(1) | | | |
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| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | 992177 | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
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| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | 9a(4) | | 992177 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | 745480 | |
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| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | 59314 | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
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| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | 9d(1) | | |
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| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | 9e | | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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

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

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

| | | |
|--|----------|--|
| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

- a** Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

| | | | | |
|--|--------------|--|--------------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | | | 7b | |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | | | |
| | 7c(2) | | | |
| | 7c(3) | | | |
| | 7c(4) | | | |
| | 7c(5) | | | |
| (6) Total additions | | | 7c(6) | |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | | | 7d | |
| e Deductions: | | | | |
| | 7e(1) | | | |
| | 7e(2) | | | |
| | 7e(3) | | | |
| | 7e(4) | | | |
| (5) Total deductions | | | 7e(5) | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | | | 7f | 0 |

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

| | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------------|--------|--------|
| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | 113444 | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | 9a(4) | | 113444 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | 5105 | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | 9b(3) | | 5105 |
| | (4) Claims charged | 9b(4) | | 5105 |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | 7092 | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | |
| | (H) Total retention | 9c(1)(H) | | 7092 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | 9c(2) | | |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | 9d(1) | | |
| | (2) Claim reserves | 9d(2) | | |
| | (3) Other reserves | 9d(3) | | |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | 9e | | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

| | | | |
|----------|--|------------|--|
| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs. | 10b | |

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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

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|---|--|
| A Name of plan SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CITIZENS BANK | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0874845 |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 43-0908349 | 55697 | 61692000 | 212 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

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

| | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| (a) Total amount of commissions paid 5565 | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
|--|--------------------------------------|

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

SCBEBT, LLC
**P.O. BOX 533
CHAPIN, SC 29036**

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 3446 | | | 3 |

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

THE BENEFIT COMPANY
**P.O. BOX 211486
COLUMBIA, SC 29221**

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 2119 | | | 3 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

| | | |
|--|----------|--|
| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

- a** Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

| | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--|-----------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | | | 7b | |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | | | |
| | 7c(2) | | | |
| | 7c(3) | | | |
| | 7c(4) | | | |
| | 7c(5) | | | |
| | (6) Total additions | | | |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | | | 7d | |
| e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... (3) Transferred to separate account | 7e(1) | | | |
| | 7e(2) | | | |
| | 7e(3) | | | |
| | 7e(4) | | | |
| | (5) Total deductions | | | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | | | 7f | 0 |

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

| | | | |
|----------|--|------------|-------|
| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | 78911 |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs. | 10b | |

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2024

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

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

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| A Name of plan SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST | | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CITIZENS BANK | | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0874845 |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 43-0908349 | 55697 | SV22010061 | 178 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

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

| | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| (a) Total amount of commissions paid 1468 | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

SCBEBT, LLC
P.O. BOX 533
CHAPIN, SC 29036

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 1174 | | | 3 |

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

THE BENEFIT COMPANY
P.O. BOX 211486
COLUMBIA, SC 29221

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|--|--|--------------------|------------------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 294 | | | 3 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

| | | | | |
|--|--------------|--|--------------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | | | 7b | |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | | | |
| | 7c(2) | | | |
| | 7c(3) | | | |
| | 7c(4) | | | |
| | 7c(5) | | | |
| (6) Total additions | | | 7c(6) | |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | | | 7d | |
| e Deductions: | | | | |
| | 7e(1) | | | |
| | 7e(2) | | | |
| | 7e(3) | | | |
| | 7e(4) | | | |
| (5) Total deductions | | | 7e(5) | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | | | 7f | 0 |

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

| | | |
|---|------------|-------|
| a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | 14029 |
| b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs. | 10b | |

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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| <p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

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| <p>A Name of plan SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501</p> | |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CITIZENS BANK</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0874845</p> | |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 41-0451140 | 67105 | 68181-4 | 668 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

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

| | |
|--|--|
| <p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid 17714</p> | <p>(b) Total amount of fees paid 4100</p> |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
SCBEBT, LLC P.O. BOX 533
CHAPIN, SC 29036-0533

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 17714 | | | 3 |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
THE BENEFIT COMPANY P.O. BOX 211486
COLUMBIA, SC 29221

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| | 4100 | SERVICE FEE | 3 |

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

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| Part II | Investment and Annuity Contract Information Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report. |
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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

| | | |
|--|-----------|--|
| b Premiums paid to carrier | 6b | |
| c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year | 6c | |
| d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶ | 6d | |

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
(3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
(3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

| | | |
|---|--------------|---|
| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | |
| | 7c(2) | |
| | 7c(3) | |
| | 7c(4) | |
| | 7c(5) | |
| | 7c(6) | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | |
| e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) | |
| | 7e(2) | |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | |
| | 7e(5) | |
| (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) | |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 0 |

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

| | | | |
|----------|--|------------|--------|
| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | 136672 |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs. | 10b | |

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 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**

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| A Name of plan SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 501 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CITIZENS BANK | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0874845 | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF SC

ALPINE ROAD AT I-20
COLUMBIA, SC 29219

57-0287419

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 12 | NONE | 107371 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

HUB INTERNATIONAL CAROLINAS

PO BOX 8087
COLUMBIA, SC 29202

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 22 | NONE | 5303 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

RCH BENEFITS ADVISORS LLC

PO BOX 6714
COLUMBIA, SC 29260-6714

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 16 | NONE | 6080 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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.

| | | |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| | | |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
| | | |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| | | |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| | | |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. | |
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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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 SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CITIZENS BANK | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0874845 |

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| 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 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | 4603 | 6507 |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | | |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | 53387 | 112544 |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 342907 | 460901 |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | 23689 | 40410 |
| (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) | | |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | | |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | | |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | | |
| (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 | 424586 | 620362 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | 108940 | 130276 |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | 369 | 242 |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | | |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 109309 | 130518 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 315277 | 489844 |

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) | 1673470 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 1673470 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 12891 | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | 809 | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 13700 |
| (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) | | |
| (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) | 1202 | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (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 | | 198854 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | | 1887226 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|--|--------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | 1384469 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | 176698 | |
| (3) Other..... | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 1561167 |
| 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) | 17858 | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 111029 | |
| (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) | 22605 | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 151492 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | | 1712659 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | | |
|--|-------|--|--------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d..... | 2k | | 174567 |
| 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: SCOTT AND COMPANY, LLC

(2) EIN: 57-1021392

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) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | | |
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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 _____.

The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan

Financial Statements with
Independent Auditor's Report

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Administrative Committee of
The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan (the "Plan"), 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 and of benefit obligations as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and of changes in benefit obligations for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits and benefit obligations of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits and changes in its benefit obligations for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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. 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 the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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 the Plan'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

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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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 the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary 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 generally accepted auditing standards.

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 are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Scott and Company LLC

Columbia, South Carolina
July 30, 2025

The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan
 Statements of Net Assets Available For Benefits
 As of December 31,

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 6,507 | \$ 4,603 |
| Investments, at fair value: | | |
| Certificates of deposit | 75,756 | 46,737 |
| U.S. Government securities | 40,410 | 23,689 |
| Interest-bearing cash | 385,145 | 296,170 |
| Total investments, at fair value | <u>501,311</u> | <u>366,596</u> |
| Prepaid expenses | 10,418 | 273 |
| Accounts receivable | <u>102,126</u> | <u>53,114</u> |
| Total assets | <u>620,362</u> | <u>424,586</u> |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | <u>242</u> | <u>369</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>242</u> | <u>369</u> |
| Net assets available for benefits | <u><u>\$ 620,120</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 424,217</u></u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available For Benefits
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Additions:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Contributions | \$ 1,673,470 |
| Interest income | 13,700 |
| Commissions | 11,429 |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 1,202 |
| Change in ownership | 252,186 |
| Total additions | 1,951,987 |

Deductions:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Claims paid, net | 1,427,894 |
| Premium payments: | |
| Dental insurance | 42,640 |
| Life insurance | 49,163 |
| Long term disability insurance | 24,244 |
| Short term disability insurance | 1,924 |
| Vision insurance | 7,462 |
| Stop loss insurance | 51,265 |
| Administrative fees | 151,492 |
| Total deductions | 1,756,084 |

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Net increase | 195,903 |
|---------------------|---------|

Net assets available for benefits:

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Beginning of year | 424,217 |
| End of year | \$ 620,120 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan
Statements of Benefit Obligations
As of December 31,

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Amounts currently payable: | | |
| Claims payable and claims incurred but not reported | <u>\$ 130,276</u> | <u>\$ 108,940</u> |
| Total benefit obligations | <u>\$ 130,276</u> | <u>\$ 108,940</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan
Statement of Changes in Benefit Obligations
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Amounts currently payable:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ 108,940 |
| Claims reported and approved for payment, including benefits reclassified from benefit obligations | 1,384,468 |
| Claims paid | (1,427,894) |
| Change in ownership percentage | <u>64,762</u> |
| Total benefit obligations at end of year | <u>\$ 130,276</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 1. Description of Plan:

The following description of The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a complete description of the Plan’s provisions, copies of which may be obtained from the Plan sponsor.

Unless otherwise noted, the financial statements and supplemental schedule of the Plan represent only the percentage interest of the Plan in South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust, a voluntary employees’ beneficiary association trust (the “VEBA Trust”) that is a multiple-employer plan. The Plan’s percentage interest in the VEBA Trust was 14.48% and 9.08% as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The effect of the change in ownership percentage for the year ended December 31, 2024 is reflected in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and changes in benefit obligations.

General – The Plan provides health and other benefits covering substantially all employees of The Citizens Bank (the “Bank”). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”).

Benefits – The Plan provides health benefits (medical, dental, vision, and prescription drugs), life insurance, short-term disability, and long-term disability benefits to full-time participants and to their beneficiaries and covered dependents. A full-time participant is an employee who works at least 30 hours per week and at least 48 weeks per year. The Plan also covers retirees who are at least 55 years of age but less than 65 years of age, with a minimum of 10 years continuous employment with the Bank, and who are eligible under the Bank’s retirement plan to take early retirement. The Plan also provides continuation of certain benefits upon termination of employment through the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (“COBRA”).

Insured Benefits – The Plan fully insures the dental, vision, life insurance (basic, supplemental, and dependent), short-term disability, and long-term disability benefits. The VEBA Trust purchases annual insurance contracts for these insured benefit. Premiums for this insured benefits are paid from the assets of the VEBA Trust.

Stop Loss Coverage – The VEBA Trust has entered into a stop-loss insurance arrangement in an effort to limit its exposure for self-insured benefits on individual participant claims over \$300,000.

Self-Insured Benefits – All other Plan benefits are self-insured. The claims for self-insured benefits are processed by the VEBA Trust’s third-party claims processors under administrative services only (“ASO”) arrangements. The claims processors pay claims directly to or on behalf of participants and are then reimbursed by the VEBA Trust. Despite the VEBA Trust’s utilization of third-party claim’s processors, ultimate responsibility for payments to providers and participants is retained by the VEBA Trust.

The VEBA Trust utilizes a pharmacy benefit manager (“PBM”) who periodically makes refunds to the VEBA Trust based on it’s actual utilization pattern of specific drugs.

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Contributions – The Bank makes monthly contributions to the Plan for coverage of all eligible employees. Employees may contribute additional amounts for coverage of eligible dependents. All contributions are based on rates approved by the trustees of the VEBA Trust. In the event of a deficiency in the VEBA Trust’s net assets over benefit obligations, deficiencies are expected to be funded through future increases in the contribution rates as determined by the VEBA Trust.

Participating employers who exit the VEBA Trust are required to pay for actual claims incurred during the 6-month period immediately following their exit. Run-out premiums are calculated based on 2.5 times the average premiums paid for the preceding 12 months. The exiting employer can either pay the run-out premium in a lump sum or in 6 equal installments over the first 180 days after withdrawal from the VEBA Trust. At the end of the 6-month run-out period, the former employer would receive a refund to the extent that run-out premiums exceed claims paid. The former employer is not liable if the claims paid exceed the run-out premiums paid. Effective September 1, 2024, the Plan ceased refunds of any such differences. The Bank has expressed no intention to withdraw from the VEBA Trust as of the date of these financial statements.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting – The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

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. The trustees of the VEBA Trust determine the valuation policies and procedures. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Payment of Benefits – Premiums paid by the VEBA Trust are recorded as premium payments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Claims payments are recorded when reimbursed by the VEBA Trust to the third-party claims processor.

Stop Loss – Premiums for stop loss insurance are included in premium payments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Stop loss credits totaling \$36,645 have been netted with claims paid in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Rebates – Rebates due from the Plan’s PBM are recorded when earned. Rebates due as of the financial statement date have been reported as a receivable, with the offset being netted against claims paid. Pharmacy rebates totaling \$196,818 have been netted with claims paid in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

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Claims Incurred but not Reported – Plan obligations as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 for health claims incurred by active participants but not reported at that date are estimated by the VEBA Trust on the basis of past loss experience using claims data provided by the VEBA Trust’s third-party claims administrator. These amounts are reported in the accompanying statements of the Plan’s benefit obligations and are paid by the Plan only if claims are submitted and approved for payment.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, benefit obligations and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Change in Ownership Percentage - The percentage interest in the VEBA Trust for the Bank is calculated on an annual basis. The percentage is a ratio of the number of employees from the Bank that are participating in the Plan compared to the total number of participants in the VEBA Trust. The annual change in the Bank’s percentage interest in the VEBA Trust is shown as either an addition to or deduction from net assets available for benefits and Plan’s benefit obligations.

Administrative Expenses – The VEBA Trust pays administrative expenses that consist primarily of administrative fees paid to third-party claims administrators, professional fees, and investment fees. These expenses are separately reported in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Note 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 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 plan has the ability to access. |
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| Level 2 | Inputs to the valuation methodology include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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;• 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.

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

The asset's 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 used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

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

Interest-bearing cash – Valued at cost, which approximates fair value, due to its short-term maturity.

Certificates of deposit – Valued at amortized cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.

U.S. Government securities – Valued at the closing price reported in the active market in which the security is traded, if available. If such information is not available, securities are valued based on yields currently available on comparable securities for issuers with similar credit ratings.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

| | <i>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024</i> | | | |
|----------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Interest-bearing cash | \$ 385,145 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 385,145 |
| Certificates of deposit | - | 75,756 | - | 75,756 |
| U.S. Government securities | 40,410 | - | - | 40,410 |
| | | | | |
| Totals | \$ 425,555 | \$ 75,756 | \$ - | \$ 501,311 |
| | | | | |
| | <i>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</i> | | | |
| | <u>Level 1</u> | <u>Level 2</u> | <u>Level 3</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Interest-bearing cash | \$ 296,170 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 296,170 |
| Certificates of deposit | - | 46,737 | - | 46,737 |
| U.S. Government securities | 23,689 | - | - | 23,689 |
| | | | | |
| Totals | \$ 319,859 | \$ 46,737 | \$ - | \$ 366,596 |

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The VEBA Trust maintains certificates of deposit with various high-quality financial institutions. At times, the balance of the VEBA Trust's certificates of deposit may be in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance limits. The trustees of the VEBA Trust believe that no significant concentration of credit risk exists with respect to these investments.

Note 4. Line of Credit:

The Trust has a \$2,000,000 line of credit with the Bank that matures October 22, 2025, and bears interest at 7.50%. There was no balance outstanding on the line of credit as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, or during the year ended December 31, 2024.

Note 5. Tax Status:

The VEBA Trust received an exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") dated December 5, 1984, stating that the VEBA Trust is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). However, as a result of the Plan's funding policy, from time to time the VEBA Trust may be subject to income taxes.

No federal or state income taxes have been recorded in 2024 for unrelated business taxable income. In addition, the Plan and the VEBA Trust are required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain the tax-exempt status of the VEBA Trust. The plan administrator and the VEBA Trust's tax counsel believe that the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the related VEBA Trust is tax-exempt.

The plan administrator has determined that there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. Generally, the Plan's tax returns remain open for three years to federal income tax examination.

Note 6. Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions:

The VEBA Trust maintains bank accounts and certificates of deposit with The Citizens Bank, Carolina Bank and Trust Company, and Pickens Savings and Loan Association. All of these institutions are participating employers in the VEBA Trust. The VEBA Trust also maintains a line of credit with the Bank, as further described in Note 4.

Members of the VEBA Trust's board of trustees along with the VEBA Trust's executive director are currently participants in the VEBA Trust.

As described in Note 1, the VEBA Trust has several arrangements with service providers. These transactions are party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

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Note 7. Risks and Uncertainties:

The Plan 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 changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The value of benefit obligations is reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to past loss experience and employee demographics, which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near-term would be material to the financial statements.

Note 8. Termination of the Plan:

The VEBA Trust and the participating employers have the right under the Plan to modify the benefits provided to, and contributions required of, participants, to discontinue their contributions at any time, and to terminate the Plan or VEBA Trust subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination of the VEBA Trust, remaining assets will be applied in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner toward the provision of benefits for or on account of the participants. No assets of the VEBA Trust may revert to the participating employers or be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefits of the VEBA Trust's participants.

Note 9. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500:

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

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements | \$ 620,120 | \$ 424,217 |
| Benefit obligations currently payable | <u>(130,276)</u> | <u>(108,940)</u> |
| Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500 | <u>\$ 489,844</u> | <u>\$ 315,277</u> |

The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan
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The following is a reconciliation of net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net income per Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2024:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements | \$ 195,903 |
| Add, benefit obligations payable at December 31, 2023 | 108,940 |
| Less, benefit obligations payable at December 31, 2024 | <u>(130,276)</u> |
| Net income per Form 5500 | <u>\$ 174,567</u> |

Claims and premiums that have been processed and approved for payment at year-end, but not paid and claims incurred but not reported are not considered liabilities under U.S. GAAP and, therefore, are not presented as liabilities or claims and premiums paid in the accompanying financial statements but are recorded on the Form 5500 as a liability.

Note 10. Subsequent Events:

The Plan has evaluated events and transactions occurring subsequent to December 31, 2024, for items that should potentially be recognized or disclosed in these financial statements. The evaluation was conducted through July 30, 2025, the date these financial statements were available to be issued and did not identify any matters that required further disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

The Citizens Bank Welfare Plan

EIN: 57-0874845; Plan Number: 501

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
As of 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 | |
| * The Citizens Bank | Demand deposit account | \$ 384,655 | \$ 384,654 | |
| * LPL Financial (The Citizens Bank) | Cash account | 491 | 491 | |
| | Total interest-bearing cash | <u>385,146</u> | <u>385,145</u> | |
| * Carolina Bank & Trust Company | Certificate of Deposit, 1.25%, maturing 9/6/25 | 39,351 | 39,509 | |
| * Pickens Savings and Loan Association | Certificate of Deposit, 3.75%, maturing 12/16/25 | 36,188 | 36,247 | |
| | Total certificates of deposit | <u>75,539</u> | <u>75,756</u> | |
| * LPL Financial (The Citizens Bank) | U.S. Treasury Note, 2.00%, maturing 2/15/25 | 39,508 | 40,410 | |
| | Total | <u>\$ 500,193</u> | <u>\$ 501,311</u> | |

* Represents party-in-interest to the Plan

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.**

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1210-0089

2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning _____ and ending _____


- 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
 - special extension (enter description) _____
 - the DFVC program
- 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

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| 1a Name of plan South Carolina Bankers Employee Benefit Trust | 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501 |
| 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) The Citizens Bank P.O. Box 446 Olanta SC 29114 | 1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1992 |
| | 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 57-0874845 |
| | 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 843-396-4314 |
| | 2d Business code (see instructions) 522110 |

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.

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| SIGN HERE |  | 7/30/25 | James E. Roberts, II |
| | 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 |

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Form 5500 (2024)

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number |
| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN 4d PN |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 131 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). | |
| a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year | 6a(1) 131 |
| a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year | 6a(2) 131 |
| b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits | 6b 0 |
| c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits | 6c 0 |
| d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c | 6d 131 |
| e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. | 6e |
| f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e | 6f |
| 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) |
| 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) |
| h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested | 6h |
| 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:

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

4A 4B 4D 4E 4H

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

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

EIN: 57-0874845; Plan Number: 501

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
As of 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 | |
| * The Citizens Bank | Demand deposit account | \$ 384,655 | \$ 384,654 | |
| * LPL Financial (The Citizens Bank) | Cash account | 491 | 491 | |
| | Total interest-bearing cash | <u>385,146</u> | <u>385,145</u> | |
| * Carolina Bank & Trust Company | Certificate of Deposit, 1.25%, maturing 9/6/25 | 39,351 | 39,509 | |
| * Pickens Savings and Loan Association | Certificate of Deposit, 3.75%, maturing 12/16/25 | 36,188 | 36,247 | |
| | Total certificates of deposit | <u>75,539</u> | <u>75,756</u> | |
| * LPL Financial (The Citizens Bank) | U.S. Treasury Note, 2.00%, maturing 2/15/25 | 39,508 | 40,410 | |
| | Total | <u>\$ 500,193</u> | <u>\$ 501,311</u> | |

* Represents party-in-interest to the Plan