

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	486
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)	486
	6a(2)	473
	6b	
	6c	
	6d	473
	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	14

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:
4E 4K

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

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

a Pension Schedules	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 type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
(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 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**

A Name of plan LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	501
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-6152244	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10 50	AUDITOR	9231	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)

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

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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

Explanation:

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

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Explanation:

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 LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-6152244

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	86983	106483
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	2888	3694
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	71	
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(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	89942	110177
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g	3155	2600
h Operating payables.....	1h	14400	15293
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		4636
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	17555	22529
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	72387	87648

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)	67911	
(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)		67911
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		
(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)		
(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		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		67911

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	19585	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		19585
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	9231	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	4198	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	19636	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		33065
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		52650

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		15261
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: CALIBRE CPA GROUP PLLC

(2) EIN: 47-0900880

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		5000000
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.		X	

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

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

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

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

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



LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024





LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of
Local 553 Benefits Fund

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Local 553 Benefits Fund (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 benefit obligations as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and benefit obligations for the years then ended, 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 benefit obligations for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion


We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

Calibre CPA Group, PLLC

New York, NY
July 14, 2025



LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AND BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Cash	<u>\$ 106,483</u>	<u>\$ 86,983</u>
Receivables		
Employer contributions	3,694	2,888
Due from related fund	<u>-</u>	<u>71</u>
Total receivables	<u>3,694</u>	<u>2,959</u>
Total assets	<u>110,177</u>	<u>89,942</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	15,293	14,400
Due to related fund	<u>4,636</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>19,929</u>	<u>14,400</u>
Net assets available for benefits	90,248	75,542
Benefit obligations		
Claims incurred but not reported	<u>2,600</u>	<u>3,155</u>
Excess of net assets available for benefits over benefit obligations	<u>\$ 87,648</u>	<u>\$ 72,387</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AND BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Additions		
Employer contributions	\$ 67,911	\$ 70,381
Deductions		
Optical benefits	16,390	17,305
Scholarship benefits	3,750	3,250
Administrative expenses	<u>33,065</u>	<u>41,255</u>
Total deductions	<u>53,205</u>	<u>61,810</u>
Net change	14,706	8,571
Net change in benefit obligations		
Change during the year attributed to change in claims incurred but not reported	<u>(555)</u>	<u>(865)</u>
Change in net assets available for benefits over benefit obligations	15,261	9,436
Excess of net assets available for benefits over benefit obligations		
Beginning of year	<u>72,387</u>	<u>62,951</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 87,648</u>	<u>\$ 72,387</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following brief description of Local 553 Benefits Fund (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General - The Plan is a multiemployer defined benefit health fund established under the provisions of an Agreement and Declaration of Trust effective January 1, 1962, between the Coal, Gasoline and Fuel Oil Teamsters Chauffeurs and Helpers Local Union 553 International Brotherhood of Teamsters (the Union), affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America and the various employers in the industry. The Union and the employers agreed to participate in the operation of a trust fund for the purpose of providing optical benefits for eligible employees. On October 1, 2018, the Local 553 Scholarship Fund merged into the Plan and provides scholarship benefits to dependents of eligible participants. The Plan is administered by a Board of Trustees (Trustees) consisting of union and employer representatives and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Funding Policy - Contributions to provide the benefits are made by the employers as provided for in the applicable collective bargaining agreement with the Union. Contributions are also made by the Plan's sponsoring Union and other related benefit funds in their capacity as employers.

Benefits Provided - The Plan provides optical benefits to eligible participants and their dependents, who are covered by collective bargaining agreements with the Union. In addition, the Plan provides college scholarships to students who are dependent children of eligible participants in the Local 553 Pension Fund.

Benefit Eligibility

- Optical Benefits - Participants receive optical benefits once per year. To be eligible, participants must be active and had contributions paid for them for at least one month during the year or winter delivery season.
- Scholarship Benefits - To qualify for scholarship benefits, an applicant must be an eligible participant's dependent child, stepchild, adopted child, or foster child. A participant is defined as a participant of the Plan's affiliated Local 553 Pension Fund who has earned at least 1/4 pension credit within the calendar year in which the application is made and 1/2 pension credit within the calendar year immediately preceding. Sponsoring Union and Fund Office employee participants are not eligible.



NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Plan Termination - Although they have not expressed any intention to do so, the Trustees, as Plan Sponsor, have the right under the Plan to modify the benefits provided. The Plan may be terminated only by joint agreement between the employers and the Union. In the event of termination of the Plan, 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 Plan may revert to the employers or to be used for purposes other than the exclusive benefit of the Plan's participants.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded as incurred, regardless of when cash is exchanged.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, including estimated amounts for claims incurred but not reported, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements, if any. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Employer Contributions Receivable - Contributions due from employers are accrued only as to those amounts applicable to periods which ended on or before the financial statement dates and are based on subsequent cash collections. Based on a review of historical losses, current economic conditions and supportable and reasonable forecast assumptions, the Plan has concluded that any expected credit losses on balances outstanding at year end will be immaterial.

Claims Incurred but Not Reported - Plan obligations at December 31, 2024 and 2023, for optical claims incurred but not reported are estimated by the Plan's actuary in accordance with accepted actuarial principles.

Payment of Benefits - Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses - Expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of the Plan are recorded as deductions in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits and benefit obligations. The Plan shares certain administrative expenses with related benefit funds in accordance with a time allocation study.



NOTE 3. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan shares administrative expenses with the Local 553 Pension Fund and Local 553 Deferred Compensation Fund (related parties). As part of a cost sharing arrangement, the affiliated Local 553 Pension Fund acts as paying agent for certain common administrative expenses. Consequently, the Plan reimburses the Local 553 Pension Fund for its estimated allocable share of these common administrative expenses. Allocable administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$21,330 and \$14,929, respectively. Total amounts due (to) from the Local 553 Pension Fund totaled \$(4,636) and \$71 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. These amounts were settled subsequent to the year ends.

The Local 553 Pension Fund receives all Pension Fund and Benefits Fund contributions from contributing employers and every month allocates and remits contribution income to the Plan for its share. Employer contributions remitted from the Local 553 Pension Fund to the Plan totaled \$54,825 and \$57,739 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Plan pays certain administrative and professional fees to various service providers. These transactions are considered exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

NOTE 4. TAX STATUS

The Plan has received an exemption letter dated April 20, 2010, from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) stating that the trust established under the Plan was in compliance with the applicable requirements of Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan and trust are required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain the tax-exempt status of the trust. The Trustees believe that the Plan, as amended, is operating in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believe that the related trust continues to be tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the organization has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were 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.



NOTE 5. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Benefits paid per the financial statements	\$ 20,140	\$ 20,555
Change in claims incurred but not reported	<u>(555)</u>	<u>(865)</u>
Benefits paid per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 19,585</u>	<u>\$ 19,690</u>

NOTE 6. PARTICIPATION IN MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

The Plan's office employees, which it shares with other affiliated benefit funds, are covered by an affiliated multiemployer defined benefit pension plan. The risks of participating in a multiemployer plan are different from single-employer plans in the following aspects:

- Assets contributed to the multiemployer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.
- If a participating employer stops contributing to the Plan, the unfunded obligations of the Plan may be borne by the remaining participating employers.
- If an employer chooses to stop participating in this multiemployer plan, the employer may be required to pay an amount, referred to as a withdrawal liability, based on the under-funded status of the Plan.

The Plan's participation in this plan for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, is outlined in the table on the next page. The "EIN" and "Pension Plan Number" rows provide the Employer Identification Number (EIN) and the three-digit plan number. The most recent Pension Protection Act (PPA) zone status available in 2024 and 2023 is for the Plan's year end at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The zone status is based on information that the Plan received from the multiemployer plan and is certified by the Plan's actuary. Among other factors, plans in the red zone are generally less than 65 percent funded, plans in the yellow zone are less than 80 percent funded, and plans in the green zone are at least 80 percent funded. The FIP/RP Status row indicates whether a funding improvement plan (FIP) or a rehabilitation plan (RP) is either pending or has been implemented. In addition to regular plan contributions, the Plan may be subject to a surcharge if the Plan is in the red zone. The "Surcharge Imposed" row indicates whether a surcharge has been imposed on contributions to the Plan. There have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of 2024 and 2023 contributions. Contributions reported below represent the Plan's proportionate share of the contributions made to this multiemployer plan.



NOTE 6. PARTICIPATION IN MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS (CONTINUED)

Legal Name of Plan:	Local 553 Pension Fund
EIN:	13-6637826
Pension Plan Number:	001
PPA Zone Status:	
2024	Neither endangered or critical (Green Zone)
2023	Neither endangered or critical (Green Zone)
FIP/RP Status:	N/A
Contributions:	
2024	\$1,476
2023	\$1,197
Surcharge Imposed:	N/A

Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

The Plan's office employees are also covered by the Local 553 Deferred Compensation Fund. The Plan's contributions to this plan for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, totaled \$847 and \$636, respectively.

NOTE 7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through July 14, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. This review and evaluation revealed no material event or transaction which would require an adjustment to or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements.

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 4085 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 8057(b) and 8058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1510-0110 1510-0089 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)

B This return/report is: a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____
 the first return/report the final return/report
 an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here

D Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program
 special extension (enter description) _____

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here

Part II Basic Plan Information - enter all requested information

1a Name of plan LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 501
	1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1962
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) BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LOCAL 553 BENEFITS FUND 265 WEST 14TH STREET NEW YORK NY 10011	2b Employer identification number (EIN) 13-6152244
	2c Plan sponsor's telephone number (212) 627-5553
	2d Business code (see instructions) 454310

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

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

SIGN HERE	<i>Demos P. Demopoulos</i>	09/08/2025	DEMOS P. DEMOPOULOS
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	<i>[Signature]</i>	09/08/2025	VINCENT THEURER
	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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