

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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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.) [x] 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: [x] 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 THE SAVINGS BANK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS 401(K) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1993
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 SAVINGS BANK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS ONE LINSCOTT ROAD WOBURN, MA 01801
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3117253
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 781-938-3500
2d Business code (see instructions) 524140

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, Date, and Name. Rows include JOHN BRABAZON (plan administrator), JEFF DONAHUE (employer/plan sponsor), and a row for DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor  JOHN BRABAZON  ONE LINSCOTT ROAD WOBURN, MA 01801	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 22-3244787  <b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number 781-994-5423
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<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
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<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	282
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<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).		
<b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....	<b>6a(1)</b>	186
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b>	207
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	<b>6b</b>	14
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....	<b>6c</b>	64
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....	<b>6d</b>	285
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....	<b>6e</b>	5
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....	<b>6f</b>	290
<b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(1)</b>	277
<b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(2)</b>	279
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6h</b>	0

<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	
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**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D 2S

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input 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	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input 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)

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

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

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

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

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan THE SAVINGS BANK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS 401(K) PLAN	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE SAVINGS BANK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-3117253	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 25 37 52 99	NONE	21074	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)

(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
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation  FIDELITY INVESTMENTS  04-2033129	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.  10 BPS	
(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.

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

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

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

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
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Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>		
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	598985	567745
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>		
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	82843686	91344034
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	83442671	91911779
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	83442671	91911779

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	1536562	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	2418314	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	539899	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		4494775
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	35342	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>		
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		35342
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	4172896	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		4172896
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		9113227
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		704
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		17816944

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	9328108	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>	954	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		9329062
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	18774	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		18774
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		9347836

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		8469108
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **BAKER NEWMAN & NOYES LLC**

(2) EIN: **01-0494526**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		2000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined  
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>THE SAVINGS BANK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS 401(K) PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE SAVINGS BANK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-3117253</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
<b>2</b> Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>23-2186884</u>		
<b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>		
<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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<b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>			
<b>5</b> If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ <b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b>			
<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	6b		
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
<b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>			
<b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>8</b> If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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<b>9</b> If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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<b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</b> If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703218A.

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NEWMAN  
NOYES

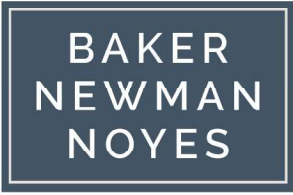
# **The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan**

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

*Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023  
With Independent Auditors' Report*

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

The Board of Directors and Participants  
The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance  
Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

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

## **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

The Board of Directors and Participants  
The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance  
Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan

- 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.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of U.S. GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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

#### **Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

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*Baker Newman + Hayes LLC*

Woburn, Massachusetts  
August 20, 2025

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OF MASSACHUSETTS 401(k) PLAN**

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Eligibility and Participation

To become eligible for participation, an employee must be at least age 21. Participants become eligible to receive the Company match, safe harbor and profit sharing contributions after having attained one year of service (1,000 or more hours during a 12-month period) and having attained the age of 21.

Contributions

Participants may contribute 1% to 100% of their annual earnings on a pretax basis or as a Roth post-tax deferral, subject to federal tax law maximum annual limits.

The Plan has an automatic enrollment feature. Employees are enrolled at a deferral rate of 4%, unless affirmative action is made to opt out. The Plan also includes an auto-escalation provision increasing deferral percentages by 1% each Plan year until the participant's deferral reaches 15% unless affirmative action is made to opt out.

The Company matches a portion of the employee's contribution, makes safe harbor non-elective contributions and makes profit sharing contributions. Matching contributions are 50% of participant elective deferrals up to 4% of eligible compensation; the safe harbor non-elective contribution amount is 3% of eligible compensation and the profit sharing contribution amount is 2% of eligible compensation.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution, and (b) Plan earnings. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts may be used to reduce future employer contributions to the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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**1. Description of Plan (Continued)**

*Withdrawals*

Participants may withdraw contributions upon termination of service, becoming disabled, attaining age 59½ (elective deferrals only), or attaining normal retirement age. In addition, funds may be withdrawn if incurring a financial hardship as defined in the Plan.

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Participants are at all times 100% vested in their own contributions to the Plan. Employer contributions are 100% vested when made by the Company.

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Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

*Notes Receivable From Participants*

Loans may be made to participants upon request by the participant. The interest rate will be the prime rate at the time of the loan and is fixed for the duration of the loan.

The maximum loan amount is one-half of the participant's vested account balance, not to exceed \$50,000. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000. Loans are repayable over a period of up to five years, unless the loan is used to acquire a principal residence, which allows for a repayment period up to 30 years. Interest rates ranged from 3.25% to 8.5% as of December 31, 2024, with various maturities through July 2054.

*Investment Options*

Participants may direct the investment of their elective deferrals and any employer contributions to a variety of mutual funds.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies, which conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), have been used consistently in the preparation of the Plan's financial statements:

*Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Risks and Uncertainties*

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

*Investment Valuation and Income Recognition*

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. See Note 3 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is accrued when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

*Notes Receivable From Participants*

Notes receivable from participants are carried at the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest, if material. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

*Administrative Expenses*

Administrative expenses are paid by the Plan participants to the extent they are not paid by the Plan sponsor. Fees for investment management are paid by the Plan participants indirectly through the Plan's investment return.

Investment expenses of the mutual funds which are made available to participants, such as custodial and advisory fees, are deducted from the assets of the various funds. Loan fees are deducted from Plan assets. Other administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

*Contributions*

Participant contributions are reported in the period in which payroll deductions are made; employer matching contributions are recorded in the same period as corresponding participant contributions. Safe harbor contributions are recorded at the time associated eligible wages are earned and profit sharing contributions are recorded when the Company commits to making the contribution.

*Payments of Benefits*

Benefits are recorded when paid.

*Subsequent Events*

Events occurring after the statement of net assets available for benefits date are evaluated by management to determine whether such events should be recognized or disclosed in the financial statements. The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 20, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**3. Fair Value Measurements**

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 (an exit price). For disclosures, a fair value hierarchy has been established that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels:

- **Level 1** – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets;
- **Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly; and
- **Level 3** – Significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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

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.

*Mutual funds:* The fair value of mutual funds is based on quoted net asset values of the shares held by the Plan at year-end.

The Plan's investments, which are reported at fair value, consist exclusively of Level 1 mutual funds totaling \$91,344,036 and \$82,843,686 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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**4. Information Certified by the Trustee**

The Plan's investments and notes receivable from participants, related interest and dividend income, and investment and loan transactions, including net appreciation of investments, were certified as accurate and complete by VFTC, the trustee of the Plan. Therefore, in accordance with the request of the Plan's Administrator, and as allowed under 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, this information was not subjected to auditing procedures by the Plan's independent auditors, except for comparing such information certified by the trustee to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule. The Plan Administrator has determined that the trustee meets the requirements of a qualified institution defined by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

**5. Related Party Transactions and Party-In-Interest Transactions**

The Plan invests in shares of mutual funds managed by an affiliate of VFTC. VFTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the VG. VFTC acts as trustee for these investments. Transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules. Administrative fees, notes receivable from participants and interest income on notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

**6. Tax Status of the Plan**

The Plan adopted a nonstandardized, preapproved profit sharing plan for which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a favorable opinion letter dated June 30, 2020. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, Plan management believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that, more likely than not, would not be sustained upon examination. Management has evaluated the Plan's tax positions and concluded that the Plan had maintained its tax exempt status and had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements. Therefore, no provision or liability for income taxes has been included in the financial statements.

**7. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500**

There were no significant differences between the financial statements and the Form 5500 as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. Notes receivable from participants are reflected as receivables on the financial statements, which is different from the Form 5500 presentation. On Form 5500, notes receivable from participants are classified as investments.

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SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i, SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
EIN 04-3117253, Plan # 002

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Values	(d) Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	(e) Current Value
	Allspring Special Small Cap Value Fund;			
	Class R6 Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual fund	\$ -	\$ 232,254
	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual fund	-	1,099,503
*	Vanguard Balanced Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	3,660,309
*	Vanguard Explorer Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	6,337,666
*	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Mutual fund	-	2,857,009
*	Vanguard GNMA Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	1,031,270
*	Vanguard Growth & Income Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	4,569,001
*	Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Institutional Shares	Mutual fund	-	23,181,219
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	Mutual fund	-	2,362,427
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	Mutual fund	-	3,512,385
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	Mutual fund	-	3,891,571
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	Mutual fund	-	4,120,881
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	Mutual fund	-	1,283,890
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	Mutual fund	-	2,338,864
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*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	Mutual fund	-	447,756
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	Mutual fund	-	206,891
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065	Mutual fund	-	113,550
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070	Mutual fund	-	31,884
*	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	Mutual fund	-	834,668
*	Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	3,723,944
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	4,694,645
*	Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	685,907
*	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	2,217,151
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	2,138,360
*	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	450,556
*	Vanguard U.S. Growth Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	10,145,275
*	Vanguard Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	213,519
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				<u>\$ 91,911,779</u>

\* Denotes party-in-interest.

<sup>(1)</sup> Information on cost of investment is excluded for participant-directed investments.

The above information has been certified by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, as complete and accurate.

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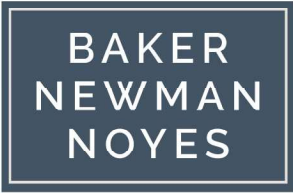
# **The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan**

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

*Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023  
With Independent Auditors' Report*

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

The Board of Directors and Participants  
The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance  
Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).
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## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

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

## **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
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- 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.

The Board of Directors and Participants  
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- 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.

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*Baker Newman + Hayes LLC*

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To become eligible for participation, an employee must be at least age 21. Participants become eligible to receive the Company match, safe harbor and profit sharing contributions after having attained one year of service (1,000 or more hours during a 12-month period) and having attained the age of 21.

Contributions

Participants may contribute 1% to 100% of their annual earnings on a pretax basis or as a Roth post-tax deferral, subject to federal tax law maximum annual limits.

The Plan has an automatic enrollment feature. Employees are enrolled at a deferral rate of 4%, unless affirmative action is made to opt out. The Plan also includes an auto-escalation provision increasing deferral percentages by 1% each Plan year until the participant's deferral reaches 15% unless affirmative action is made to opt out.

The Company matches a portion of the employee's contribution, makes safe harbor non-elective contributions and makes profit sharing contributions. Matching contributions are 50% of participant elective deferrals up to 4% of eligible compensation; the safe harbor non-elective contribution amount is 3% of eligible compensation and the profit sharing contribution amount is 2% of eligible compensation.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution, and (b) Plan earnings. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts may be used to reduce future employer contributions to the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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OF MASSACHUSETTS 401(k) PLAN**

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**1. Description of Plan (Continued)**

*Withdrawals*

Participants may withdraw contributions upon termination of service, becoming disabled, attaining age 59½ (elective deferrals only), or attaining normal retirement age. In addition, funds may be withdrawn if incurring a financial hardship as defined in the Plan.

*Vesting*

Participants are at all times 100% vested in their own contributions to the Plan. Employer contributions are 100% vested when made by the Company.

*Plan Termination*

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

*Notes Receivable From Participants*

Loans may be made to participants upon request by the participant. The interest rate will be the prime rate at the time of the loan and is fixed for the duration of the loan.

The maximum loan amount is one-half of the participant's vested account balance, not to exceed \$50,000. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000. Loans are repayable over a period of up to five years, unless the loan is used to acquire a principal residence, which allows for a repayment period up to 30 years. Interest rates ranged from 3.25% to 8.5% as of December 31, 2024, with various maturities through July 2054.

*Investment Options*

Participants may direct the investment of their elective deferrals and any employer contributions to a variety of mutual funds.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies, which conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), have been used consistently in the preparation of the Plan's financial statements:

*Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Risks and Uncertainties*

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

*Investment Valuation and Income Recognition*

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. See Note 3 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is accrued when earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

*Notes Receivable From Participants*

Notes receivable from participants are carried at the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest, if material. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

*Administrative Expenses*

Administrative expenses are paid by the Plan participants to the extent they are not paid by the Plan sponsor. Fees for investment management are paid by the Plan participants indirectly through the Plan's investment return.

Investment expenses of the mutual funds which are made available to participants, such as custodial and advisory fees, are deducted from the assets of the various funds. Loan fees are deducted from Plan assets. Other administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

*Contributions*

Participant contributions are reported in the period in which payroll deductions are made; employer matching contributions are recorded in the same period as corresponding participant contributions. Safe harbor contributions are recorded at the time associated eligible wages are earned and profit sharing contributions are recorded when the Company commits to making the contribution.

*Payments of Benefits*

Benefits are recorded when paid.

*Subsequent Events*

Events occurring after the statement of net assets available for benefits date are evaluated by management to determine whether such events should be recognized or disclosed in the financial statements. The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 20, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**3. Fair Value Measurements**

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 (an exit price). For disclosures, a fair value hierarchy has been established that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels:

- **Level 1** – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets;
- **Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly; and
- **Level 3** – Significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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

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.

*Mutual funds:* The fair value of mutual funds is based on quoted net asset values of the shares held by the Plan at year-end.

The Plan's investments, which are reported at fair value, consist exclusively of Level 1 mutual funds totaling \$91,344,036 and \$82,843,686 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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**4. Information Certified by the Trustee**

The Plan's investments and notes receivable from participants, related interest and dividend income, and investment and loan transactions, including net appreciation of investments, were certified as accurate and complete by VFTC, the trustee of the Plan. Therefore, in accordance with the request of the Plan's Administrator, and as allowed under 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, this information was not subjected to auditing procedures by the Plan's independent auditors, except for comparing such information certified by the trustee to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule. The Plan Administrator has determined that the trustee meets the requirements of a qualified institution defined by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

**5. Related Party Transactions and Party-In-Interest Transactions**

The Plan invests in shares of mutual funds managed by an affiliate of VFTC. VFTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the VG. VFTC acts as trustee for these investments. Transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules. Administrative fees, notes receivable from participants and interest income on notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

**6. Tax Status of the Plan**

The Plan adopted a nonstandardized, preapproved profit sharing plan for which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a favorable opinion letter dated June 30, 2020. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, Plan management believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that, more likely than not, would not be sustained upon examination. Management has evaluated the Plan's tax positions and concluded that the Plan had maintained its tax exempt status and had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements. Therefore, no provision or liability for income taxes has been included in the financial statements.

**7. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500**

There were no significant differences between the financial statements and the Form 5500 as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. Notes receivable from participants are reflected as receivables on the financial statements, which is different from the Form 5500 presentation. On Form 5500, notes receivable from participants are classified as investments.

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SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i, SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
EIN 04-3117253, Plan # 002

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Values	(d) Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	(e) Current Value
	Allspring Special Small Cap Value Fund;			
	Class R6 Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual fund	\$ -	\$ 232,254
	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual fund	-	1,099,503
*	Vanguard Balanced Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	3,660,309
*	Vanguard Explorer Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	6,337,666
*	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Mutual fund	-	2,857,009
*	Vanguard GNMA Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	1,031,270
*	Vanguard Growth & Income Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	4,569,001
*	Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Institutional Shares	Mutual fund	-	23,181,219
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	Mutual fund	-	2,362,427
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	Mutual fund	-	3,512,385
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	Mutual fund	-	3,891,571
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	Mutual fund	-	4,120,881
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	Mutual fund	-	1,283,890
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	Mutual fund	-	2,338,864
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050	Mutual fund	-	1,424,638
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	Mutual fund	-	447,756
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	Mutual fund	-	206,891
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065	Mutual fund	-	113,550
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070	Mutual fund	-	31,884
*	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	Mutual fund	-	834,668
*	Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	3,723,944
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	4,694,645
*	Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	685,907
*	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	2,217,151
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	2,138,360
*	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	450,556
*	Vanguard U.S. Growth Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	10,145,275
*	Vanguard Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	213,519
*	Vanguard Windsor II Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	<u>3,537,041</u>
				91,344,034
*	Notes receivable from participants	3.25% – 8.5%		<u>567,745</u>
				<u>\$ 91,911,779</u>

\* Denotes party-in-interest.

<sup>(1)</sup> Information on cost of investment is excluded for participant-directed investments.

The above information has been certified by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, as complete and accurate.

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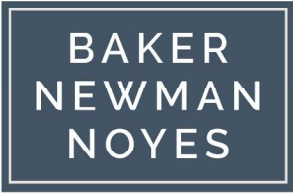
# **The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan**

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

*Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023  
With Independent Auditors' Report*

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

The Board of Directors and Participants  
The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance  
Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

## **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

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

## **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

The Board of Directors and Participants  
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Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan

- 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.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of U.S. GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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

#### **Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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 included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

*Baker Newman + Hayes LLC*

Woburn, Massachusetts  
August 20, 2025

**THE SAVINGS BANK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF MASSACHUSETTS 401(k) PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

ASSETS

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Investments, at fair value	\$91,344,034	\$82,843,686
Notes receivable from participants	<u>567,745</u>	<u>598,985</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$91,911,779</u>	<u>\$83,442,671</u>

See accompanying notes.

**THE SAVINGS BANK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF MASSACHUSETTS 401(k) PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividend income	\$ 4,172,896	\$ 2,373,138
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	9,113,227	11,569,243
Other	<u>704</u>	<u>360</u>
Total investment income	13,286,827	13,942,741
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	35,342	22,563
Contributions:		
Participant	2,418,314	2,392,485
Rollovers	539,899	177,797
Employer	<u>1,536,562</u>	<u>1,500,563</u>
Total contributions	<u>4,494,775</u>	<u>4,070,845</u>
Total additions	17,816,944	18,036,149
Deductions:		
Distributions to participants	9,329,062	2,240,504
Administrative expenses	<u>18,774</u>	<u>25,281</u>
Total deductions	<u>9,347,836</u>	<u>2,265,785</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	8,469,108	15,770,364
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>83,442,671</u>	<u>67,672,307</u>
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u>\$91,911,779</u>	<u>\$ 83,442,671</u>

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

**1. Description of Plan**

The following brief description of The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for more complete information.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of The Savings Bank Mutual Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts (the Company). It is subject to the provisions of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA). The Plan sponsor is the Company. The Plan was originally effective on January 1, 1993. The trustee of the Plan is Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company (VFTC) and the Plan recordkeeper is the Vanguard Group (VG).

On December 29, 2022, the *Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2022* (SECURE 2.0 Act) was signed into law. It includes mandatory and optional provisions impacting defined contribution plans. Applicable provisions outlined in the SECURE 2.0 Act will be adopted if elected and/or required. Plan amendments for these changes are not yet required.

Eligibility and Participation

To become eligible for participation, an employee must be at least age 21. Participants become eligible to receive the Company match, safe harbor and profit sharing contributions after having attained one year of service (1,000 or more hours during a 12-month period) and having attained the age of 21.

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Participants may contribute 1% to 100% of their annual earnings on a pretax basis or as a Roth post-tax deferral, subject to federal tax law maximum annual limits.

The Plan has an automatic enrollment feature. Employees are enrolled at a deferral rate of 4%, unless affirmative action is made to opt out. The Plan also includes an auto-escalation provision increasing deferral percentages by 1% each Plan year until the participant's deferral reaches 15% unless affirmative action is made to opt out.

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Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution, and (b) Plan earnings. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. Forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts may be used to reduce future employer contributions to the Plan. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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**1. Description of Plan (Continued)**

*Withdrawals*

Participants may withdraw contributions upon termination of service, becoming disabled, attaining age 59½ (elective deferrals only), or attaining normal retirement age. In addition, funds may be withdrawn if incurring a financial hardship as defined in the Plan.

*Vesting*

Participants are at all times 100% vested in their own contributions to the Plan. Employer contributions are 100% vested when made by the Company.

*Plan Termination*

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

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Loans may be made to participants upon request by the participant. The interest rate will be the prime rate at the time of the loan and is fixed for the duration of the loan.

The maximum loan amount is one-half of the participant's vested account balance, not to exceed \$50,000. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000. Loans are repayable over a period of up to five years, unless the loan is used to acquire a principal residence, which allows for a repayment period up to 30 years. Interest rates ranged from 3.25% to 8.5% as of December 31, 2024, with various maturities through July 2054.

*Investment Options*

Participants may direct the investment of their elective deferrals and any employer contributions to a variety of mutual funds.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The following accounting policies, which conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), have been used consistently in the preparation of the Plan's financial statements:

*Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Risks and Uncertainties*

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

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The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. See Note 3 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

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Notes receivable from participants are carried at the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest, if material. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

*Administrative Expenses*

Administrative expenses are paid by the Plan participants to the extent they are not paid by the Plan sponsor. Fees for investment management are paid by the Plan participants indirectly through the Plan's investment return.

Investment expenses of the mutual funds which are made available to participants, such as custodial and advisory fees, are deducted from the assets of the various funds. Loan fees are deducted from Plan assets. Other administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company.

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

*Contributions*

Participant contributions are reported in the period in which payroll deductions are made; employer matching contributions are recorded in the same period as corresponding participant contributions. Safe harbor contributions are recorded at the time associated eligible wages are earned and profit sharing contributions are recorded when the Company commits to making the contribution.

*Payments of Benefits*

Benefits are recorded when paid.

*Subsequent Events*

Events occurring after the statement of net assets available for benefits date are evaluated by management to determine whether such events should be recognized or disclosed in the financial statements. The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 20, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**3. Fair Value Measurements**

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 (an exit price). For disclosures, a fair value hierarchy has been established that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels:

- **Level 1** – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets;
- **Level 2** – Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly; and
- **Level 3** – Significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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

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.

*Mutual funds:* The fair value of mutual funds is based on quoted net asset values of the shares held by the Plan at year-end.

The Plan's investments, which are reported at fair value, consist exclusively of Level 1 mutual funds totaling \$91,344,036 and \$82,843,686 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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**4. Information Certified by the Trustee**

The Plan's investments and notes receivable from participants, related interest and dividend income, and investment and loan transactions, including net appreciation of investments, were certified as accurate and complete by VFTC, the trustee of the Plan. Therefore, in accordance with the request of the Plan's Administrator, and as allowed under 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the United States Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, this information was not subjected to auditing procedures by the Plan's independent auditors, except for comparing such information certified by the trustee to information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule. The Plan Administrator has determined that the trustee meets the requirements of a qualified institution defined by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

**5. Related Party Transactions and Party-In-Interest Transactions**

The Plan invests in shares of mutual funds managed by an affiliate of VFTC. VFTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the VG. VFTC acts as trustee for these investments. Transactions in such investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions, which are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules. Administrative fees, notes receivable from participants and interest income on notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

**6. Tax Status of the Plan**

The Plan adopted a nonstandardized, preapproved profit sharing plan for which the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a favorable opinion letter dated June 30, 2020. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, Plan management believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that, more likely than not, would not be sustained upon examination. Management has evaluated the Plan's tax positions and concluded that the Plan had maintained its tax exempt status and had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements. Therefore, no provision or liability for income taxes has been included in the financial statements.

**7. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500**

There were no significant differences between the financial statements and the Form 5500 as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. Notes receivable from participants are reflected as receivables on the financial statements, which is different from the Form 5500 presentation. On Form 5500, notes receivable from participants are classified as investments.

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SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i, SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
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(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Values	(d) Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	(e) Current Value
	Allspring Special Small Cap Value Fund;			
	Class R6 Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual fund	\$ -	\$ 232,254
	Fidelity Total Bond Fund	Mutual fund	-	1,099,503
*	Vanguard Balanced Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	3,660,309
*	Vanguard Explorer Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	6,337,666
*	Vanguard Federal Money Market	Mutual fund	-	2,857,009
*	Vanguard GNMA Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	1,031,270
*	Vanguard Growth & Income Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	4,569,001
*	Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Institutional Shares	Mutual fund	-	23,181,219
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	Mutual fund	-	2,362,427
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	Mutual fund	-	3,512,385
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	Mutual fund	-	3,891,571
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	Mutual fund	-	4,120,881
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	Mutual fund	-	1,283,890
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	Mutual fund	-	2,338,864
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050	Mutual fund	-	1,424,638
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	Mutual fund	-	447,756
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	Mutual fund	-	206,891
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065	Mutual fund	-	113,550
*	Vanguard Target Retirement 2070	Mutual fund	-	31,884
*	Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund	Mutual fund	-	834,668
*	Vanguard International Growth Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	3,723,944
*	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	4,694,645
*	Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	685,907
*	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	2,217,151
*	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	2,138,360
*	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	450,556
*	Vanguard U.S. Growth Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	10,145,275
*	Vanguard Value Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	213,519
*	Vanguard Windsor II Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	-	<u>3,537,041</u>
				91,344,034
*	Notes receivable from participants	3.25% – 8.5%		<u>567,745</u>
				<u>\$ 91,911,779</u>

\* Denotes party-in-interest.

<sup>(1)</sup> Information on cost of investment is excluded for participant-directed investments.

The above information has been certified by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, as complete and accurate.