

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;"><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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

a single-employer plan  a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**B** This return/report is:  the first return/report  the final return/report

an amended return/report  a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

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

**D** Check box if filing under:  Form 5558  automatic extension  the DFVC program

special extension (enter description)

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

**Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information**

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>PIONEER BANK EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>003</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>PIONEER BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION</u></p> <p><u>652 ALBANY SHAKER ROAD</u> <u>ALBANY, NY 12211</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2019</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>14-0970570</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>518-730-3005</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>522120</u></p>

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

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

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/26/2025	SUSAN HOLLISTER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor		<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
		<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:		<b>4b</b> EIN 14-0970570	
<b>a</b> Sponsor's name PIONEER BANK		<b>4d</b> PN 003	
<b>c</b> Plan Name PIONEER BANK EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN			
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	282	
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c, and 6d).			
<b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>6a(1)</b>	208	
<b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	<b>6a(2)</b>	199	
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	<b>6b</b>	0	
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	<b>6c</b>	71	
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2), 6b, and 6c	<b>6d</b>	270	
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	<b>6e</b>	0	
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	<b>6f</b>	270	
<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>	259	
<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>	238	
<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>	9	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	<b>7</b>		

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
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**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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

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

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

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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 H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>PIONEER BANK EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>▶</b> <b>003</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>PIONEER BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>14-0970570</b>

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

<b>Assets</b>	<b>(a) Beginning of Year</b>	<b>(b) End of Year</b>
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	
<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>	113 7
<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>	
<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>	
<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:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	10027559	11331821
(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>	10027672	11331828
<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>	10983265	10596115
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	10983265	10596115
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	-955593	735713

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	1323178	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(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>		1323178
<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>		
<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>		0
<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>		
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		0
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	1498311	
<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>		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2d</b>		2821489

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	<b>2e(1)</b>	192936	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		192936
<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>		936026
<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>	1221	
(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>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		1221
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	<b>2j</b>		1130183

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1691306
<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: **BONADIO & CO., LLP**

(2) EIN: **16-1131146**

**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		10000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	X		
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	X		

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

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

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

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PIONEER BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>14-0970570</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	0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
EIN(s): 84-1455663

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

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

<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	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	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

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

**PIONEER BANK  
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**Financial Statements  
and Supplemental Schedule as of  
December 31, 2024 and 2023  
Together with  
Independent Auditor's Report**

# **PIONEER BANK EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

September 17, 2025

To the Audit Committee and Management of  
Pioneer Bank Employee Stock Ownership Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Pioneer Bank Employee Stock Ownership 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, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(c), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from Empower Trust Company, LLC as of December 31, 2024 and for the period from investment transfer in April 2024 to December 31, 2024, and Reliance Trust Company as of December 31, 2023 and for the period from January 1, 2023 through investment transfer in April 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 10 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion

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

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

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. 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 for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(c) Audit Section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards (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.

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)**

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Schedule H, line 4(i) - 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information 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.

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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### **Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA (Continued)**

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 their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the 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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor'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).

**PIONEER BANK EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN****STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024			2023		
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Investments, at fair value:						
Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. common stock	\$ 3,120,031	\$ 8,211,790	\$ 11,331,821	\$ 2,382,401	\$ 7,645,158	\$ 10,027,559
Money market funds	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113</u>
Total investments	<u>3,120,038</u>	<u>8,211,790</u>	<u>11,331,828</u>	<u>2,382,514</u>	<u>7,645,158</u>	<u>10,027,672</u>
Total assets	<u>3,120,038</u>	<u>8,211,790</u>	<u>11,331,828</u>	<u>2,382,514</u>	<u>7,645,158</u>	<u>10,027,672</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Loan payable	<u>-</u>	<u>10,596,115</u>	<u>10,596,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,983,265</u>	<u>10,983,265</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>10,596,115</u>	<u>10,596,115</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,983,265</u>	<u>10,983,265</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u>\$ 3,120,038</u>	<u>\$ (2,384,325)</u>	<u>\$ 735,713</u>	<u>\$ 2,382,514</u>	<u>\$ (3,338,107)</u>	<u>\$ (955,593)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**PIONEER BANK EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024			2023		
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ADDITIONS:</b>						
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 352,766	\$ 1,145,545	\$ 1,498,311	\$ (327,375)	\$ (1,086,562)	\$ (1,413,937)
Employer contributions	-	1,323,178	1,323,178	-	1,244,759	1,244,759
Allocation of 50,916 shares of common stock of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., at fair value in both 2024 and 2023	<u>578,915</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>578,915</u>	<u>555,494</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>555,494</u>
Total additions	<u>931,681</u>	<u>2,468,723</u>	<u>3,400,404</u>	<u>228,119</u>	<u>158,197</u>	<u>386,316</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>						
Interest expense	-	936,026	936,026	-	851,956	851,956
Distributions to participants	192,936	-	192,936	77,308	-	77,308
Allocation of 50,916 shares of common stock of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc., at fair value in both 2024 and 2023	-	578,915	578,915	-	555,494	555,494
Administrative expenses	<u>1,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deductions	<u>194,157</u>	<u>1,514,941</u>	<u>1,709,098</u>	<u>77,308</u>	<u>1,407,450</u>	<u>1,484,758</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	737,524	953,782	1,691,306	150,811	(1,249,253)	(1,098,442)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - beginning of year	<u>2,382,514</u>	<u>(3,338,107)</u>	<u>(955,593)</u>	<u>2,231,703</u>	<u>(2,088,854)</u>	<u>142,849</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS - end of year	<u>\$ 3,120,038</u>	<u>\$ (2,384,325)</u>	<u>\$ 735,713</u>	<u>\$ 2,382,514</u>	<u>\$ (3,338,107)</u>	<u>\$ (955,593)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

# PIONEER BANK EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

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### 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following brief description of the Pioneer Bank Employee Stock Ownership Plan (“the Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

#### **General**

Pioneer Bank, National Association (“the Bank”) established the Plan effective January 1, 2019. On April 1, 2024, the Bank completed its conversion to a national bank following approval of the conversion by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the “OCC”). Following the completion of the conversion, the Bank operates under the name “Pioneer Bank, National Association”.

The Plan operates as an employee stock ownership plan (“ESOP”) and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“Code”) and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). The Plan is administered by a Committee appointed by the Bank and is funded through the Pioneer Bank Employee Stock Ownership Trust. Pentegra Trust Company serves as the Trustee of the Plan. Effective in April 2024, Empower Trust Company, LLC serves as the custodian of the Plan. Prior to April 2024, Reliance Trust Company served as custodian of the Plan. See Note 10 for further discussion.

In July and August 2019, the Plan purchased 1,018,325 shares of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc.’s (the “Company”) common stock using the proceeds from two loans from the Company and holds the common stock in a trust established under the Plan. See Note 6 for details regarding the terms of the loans. 221,636 shares were purchased in connection with the Company’s stock conversion and offering at a price of \$10.00 per share. 796,689 shares were purchased at an average price of \$14.34 per share.

The borrowing is collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock. The Company has no rights against shares of common stock once they are allocated to participants in accordance with the terms of the ESOP. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to the accounts of employees with rights in allocated common stock (“allocated”) and common stock not yet allocated to employees (“unallocated”).

#### **Eligibility**

Employees of the Bank are generally eligible to participate in the Plan after one year of service providing they worked at least 1,000 hours during such plan year and are 21 years of age. Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during such plan year or are not employed on the last working day of the plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of the Bank contribution for such year. Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan was amended and employees of Pioneer Insurance Agency are eligible to participate in the Plan.

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

### Employer Contributions

The Bank is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's dividends and interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its term loan. Employee contributions are not permitted.

### Payment of Benefits

For a participant whose service ends for any reason, distribution will be made to or for the benefit of the participant, or in the case of the participant's death, the participant's beneficiary. Distributions will be paid in a single lump sum. Distributions are made in a combination of Company stock and cash, or if a participant elects, entirely in shares of stock.

### Voting Rights

Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account and is notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The Trustee is not permitted to vote any allocated share for which instructions have not been given by a participant. The Trustee is required, however, to vote any unallocated shares on behalf of the collective best interest of plan participants and beneficiaries.

### Plan Termination

The Bank reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to plan provisions. Upon such termination of the Plan, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the Code. Upon termination of the Plan, the Committee shall direct the Trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the trust fund and sell shares of financed stock held in the loan suspense account to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay any then outstanding loan.

### Participant Accounts

The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each plan year with an allocation of shares of the Company's common stock released by the Company from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Bank as of the last day of the plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's account balance.

### Vesting

Vesting percentage is generally determined by years of service in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Vesting Years</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Fewer than 2 years	0%
2 years	20%
3 years	40%
4 years	60%
5 years	80%
6 or more years	100%

Certain specific circumstances as outlined in the Plan document result in 100% vesting such as death, disability, retirement or plan termination.

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

### **Forfeitures**

If all or a portion of a participant's account is not vested under the Plan upon a participant's termination of employment, the nonvested portion of his or her account remains in the Plan and no further allocations of Bank contributions (or forfeitures) shall be made to the participant's account. Employer contributions (employer stock) and plan forfeitures are allocated to each participant's account based upon the relation of the participant's compensation to total compensation for the plan year. Forfeitures of terminated nonvested account balances allocated to remaining participants were 4,361 and 5,981 shares for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

### **Diversification**

Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company common stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants may diversify a portion of their ESOP account to the money market fund when they reach age 55 (or later) and have at least 10 years of participation in the Plan. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25 percent of the number of shares since inception allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50 percent.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates, and such differences, may be significant.

### **Allocations**

The financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to the accounts of employees with rights in allocated and unallocated common stock, including shares that are committed to be released. Shares are released from collateral and become allocated generally in the period in which debt service is actually paid.

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

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is based on an exit price in an orderly transaction (that is, not a forced liquidation or distressed sale) between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions. See Note 3 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of common stock are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### **Administrative Expenses**

Significant administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Bank.

### **Payment of Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

## 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

*Level 1* - Inputs are quoted prices in markets for identical assets or liabilities.

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

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

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

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

### **Level 1 Fair Value Measurements**

The Company's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market and the fair value is based upon the quoted closing price. The fair value of the money market fund is based on quoted net asset values ("NAV") of the shares held by the Plan at year-end. The investment strategy of the fund seeks current income consistent with stability of principal by investing in a portfolio of U.S. Treasury and government securities maturing in 397 days or less and repurchase agreements collateralized fully by U.S. Treasury and government securities.

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

### 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

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

	<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. common stock, fair value	<u>\$11,331,821</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$11,331,821
Money market fund <sup>a</sup>				<u>7</u>
Total investments				<u>\$11,331,828</u>

	<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. common stock, fair value	<u>\$10,027,559</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$10,027,559
Money market fund <sup>a</sup>				<u>113</u>
Total investments				<u>\$10,027,672</u>

<sup>a</sup> In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

### 4. ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS

The Plan's assets, which consist principally of Company common shares, are held by the trustee of the Plan.

Bank contributions are held and managed by the trustee, who invests cash received, interest, and dividend income and makes distributions to participants. The trustee administers the payment of interest and principal on the loan, which is reimbursed to the trustee through contributions by the Bank.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Bank. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan. Administrative expenses are paid from the trust fund to the extent such expenses shall not have been paid by the Bank.

## 5. INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investment in Company common shares, at December 31, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	2024		2023	
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>
Number of shares	270,836	712,829	238,002	763,752
Cost	\$ 3,628,796	\$ 9,550,837	\$ 3,188,869	\$ 10,233,129
Fair value	\$ 3,120,031	\$ 8,211,790	\$ 2,382,401	\$ 7,645,158

There were 18,082 and 8,672 shares withdrawn from the Plan via distributions during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, 4 shares were presented in unallocated as a result of participant cash distributions. During 2024, certain shares that were previously presented in unallocated due to previous cash distributions were sold as part of the transfer between custodians of the Plan. The number of shares sold was not material.

## 6. LOAN PAYABLE

On July 17, 2019, the Plan entered into two term loan agreements with the Company to facilitate the initial and subsequent purchases of Company common stock shares for the Plan. Unallocated shares are collateral for the loans. Shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants as payments of principal and interest are made. The number of shares released in any year is the number of shares held as collateral, times the ratio of the current year payments divided by the total of this year's payments, plus all future years' principal and interest payments. This resulted in 50,916 shares being released and allocated for the plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The agreements provide for the loans to be repaid over twenty-year terms and were payable annually at a rate per annum equal to the Prime Rate (5.50% at July 17, 2019).

In January 2020, the two term loans were refinanced into one nineteen-year term loan which is payable annually at a rate per annum equal to the Prime Rate reported on the first business day of the calendar year (8.50% at January 1, 2024 and 7.50% at January 1, 2023).

Loan payments are funded by cash contributions from the Bank.

The scheduled amortization of the loan is the following based on the Prime Rate reported on January 1, 2025 (7.50%):

2025	\$ 453,351
2026	487,827
2027	524,415
2028	561,869
2029	605,886
2030 and thereafter	<u>7,962,767</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,596,115</u>

## **7. INCOME TAX STATUS**

The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated October 16, 2020, that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has not been amended since receiving the determination letter and the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

## **8. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan investments consist primarily of the Company common stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, market risk, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with the security, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Substantially all of the Plan's assets are derived from the Plan's investment in Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. common stock.

## **9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Plan invests in Company common stock and has indebtedness to the Company. These are related party and party in interest transactions. As of December 31, 2024, the Plan held 983,665 shares of the Company's common stock at a fair value per-share price of \$11.52. As of December 31, 2023, the Plan held 1,001,754 shares of the Company's common stock at a fair value per-share price of \$10.01.

Empower Trust Company, LLC is the custodian of the Plan (as of April 2024) and Reliance Trust Company was the custodian of the Plan prior to April 2024. Neither party have any investments that are part of the Plan. Further, the Plan Sponsor pays fees to these custodians.

## **10. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFICATION BY CUSTODIAN**

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Empower Trust Company, LLC, the custodian of the Plan (as of April 2024) and Reliance Trust Company, the custodian of the Plan (prior to April 2024), have certified to the completeness and accuracy of investments reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits and for investments in the accompanying Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related investment activity reported in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**10. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFICATION BY CUSTODIAN (Continued)**

The following information represents the balances that were certified for the years ending December 31:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Investments, at fair value	\$ <u>11,331,828</u>	\$ <u>10,027,672</u>
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ <u>1,498,311</u>	\$ <u>(1,413,937)</u>
Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)	Schedule I	

**11. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500**

Certain items have been classified differently between the financial statements and Form 5500. Net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements agreed to Form 5500 in total as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

**12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 17, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no events or transactions discovered during this evaluation that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**PIONEER BANK EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN****SCHEDULE H - LINE 4(i) - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (Held at End of Year)****DECEMBER 31, 2024****PLAN SPONSOR: PIONEER BANK EIN: 14-0970570 PLAN NUMBER: 003**

<u>(a)</u>	<u>(b)</u> Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	<u>(c)</u> Description of Investment Including Maturity Date Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	<u>(d)</u> Cost	<u>(e)</u> Current Value
*	Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. Federated	Common stock, 983,665 shares Money market fund	\$ 13,179,633 <u>7</u>	\$ 11,331,821 <u>7</u>
				<u>\$ 11,331,828</u>

\* Indicates a party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

