

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

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1210-0089

2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 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: NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 10/01/1973
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 41-0684657
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 952-888-4777
2d Business code (see instructions): 611000

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 plan administrator, employer/plan sponsor, and DFE.

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| 3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor | 3b Administrator's EIN | |
| | 3c Administrator's telephone number | |
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| 4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name | 4b EIN | |
| | 4d PN | |
| 5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year | 5 | 523 |
| 6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested..... | 6a(1) | 282 |
| | 6a(2) | 232 |
| | 6b | 0 |
| | 6c | 220 |
| | 6d | 452 |
| | 6e | 7 |
| | 6f | 459 |
| | 6g(1) | 433 |
| | 6g(2) | 411 |
| 7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) | 7 | 4 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

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| A Name of plan NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0684657 | |

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TIAA-CREF

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 13-1624203 | 69345 | 365814 | 173 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

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

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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
| 0 | 0 |

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

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

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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| Part II | Investment and Annuity Contract Information | |
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| | Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report. | |
| 4 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4181996 |
| 5 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 6032728 |
| 6 | Contracts With Allocated Funds: | |
| a | State the basis of premium rates ▶ | |
| b | Premiums paid to carrier | 6b |
| c | Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year | 6c |
| d | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶ | 6d |
| e | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶ | |
| f | If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 7 | Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts) | |
| a | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶ | |
| b | Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b 4456148 |
| c | Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) |
| | (2) Dividends and credits..... | 7c(2) |
| | (3) Interest credited during the year..... | 7c(3) 192200 |
| | (4) Transferred from separate account | 7c(4) 240894 |
| | (5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ | 7c(5) |
| | (6) Total additions | 7c(6) 433094 |
| d | Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d 4889242 |
| e | Deductions: | |
| | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) 452388 |
| | (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... | 7e(2) |
| | (3) Transferred to separate account | 7e(3) 239826 |
| | (4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER | 7e(4) 15032 |
| (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) 707246 | |
| f | Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f 4181996 |

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0684657 | |

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 74-1625348 | 70238 | 09210 | 21 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

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

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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid 213 | (b) Total amount of fees paid 0 |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

ERIC GROSS **VALIC**
2929 ALLEN PARKWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77019

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 57 | 0 | | 3 |

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

MICHEL H BEUTTEL **VALIC**
2929 ALLEN PARKWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77019

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 35 | 0 | | 3 |

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

JOSEPH A OKRASKI

VALIC
2929 ALLEN PARKWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77019

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 35 | 0 | | 3 |

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

LEE TREVINO

VALIC
2929 ALLEN PARKWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77019

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 52 | 0 | | 3 |

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

STEVEN BENTLEY

VALIC
2929 ALLEN PARKWAY
HOUSTON, TX 77019

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 34 | 0 | | 3 |

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| | Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report. | |
| 4 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 123489 |
| 5 | Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 1282686 |
| 6 | Contracts With Allocated Funds: | |
| a | State the basis of premium rates ▶ | |
| b | Premiums paid to carrier | 6b |
| c | Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year | 6c |
| d | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶ | 6d |
| e | Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶ | |
| f | If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 7 | Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts) | |
| a | Type of contract: (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶ | |
| b | Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b 135804 |
| c | Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) |
| | (2) Dividends and credits..... | 7c(2) |
| | (3) Interest credited during the year..... | 7c(3) 3867 |
| | (4) Transferred from separate account | 7c(4) 12203 |
| | (5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ | 7c(5) |
| | (6) Total additions | 7c(6) 16070 |
| d | Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d 151874 |
| e | Deductions: | |
| | (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year | 7e(1) 28029 |
| | (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... | 7e(2) |
| | (3) Transferred to separate account | 7e(3) |
| | (4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ CONTRACT SURRENDER CHARGES | 7e(4) 356 |
| (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) 28385 | |
| f | Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f 123489 |

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- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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2024

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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY | | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 41-0684657 |

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 42-0127290 | 61271 | 613953 | 266 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

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

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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid 0 | (b) Total amount of fees paid 709 |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid
TAX SHELTERED COMPENSATION, INC. **7365 KIRKWOOD AVE N SUITE 200 MAPLE GROVE, MN 55369**

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
|--|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
| 0 | 709 | REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE | 5 |

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

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

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

| | | |
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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | 0 |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | 0 |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year

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

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

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

| | |
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| 6b | |
| 6c | |
| 6d | |

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

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

| | | |
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| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 811373 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | 42902 |
| | 7c(2) | |
| | 7c(3) | 12302 |
| | 7c(4) | |
| | 7c(5) | 10214 |
| | ▶ ROLLOVER, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 65418 |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 876791 |
| e Deductions: | | |
| | 7e(1) | 230704 |
| | 7e(2) | 2978 |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | 10655 |
| ▶ OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER | | |
| (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) | 244337 |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 632454 |

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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| SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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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

TIAA-CREF

13-1624203

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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)

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

42-0127290

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 13 37 50 64 | CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR | 106168 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

MMA SECURITIES LLC

22-3570392

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 27 99 | INVESTMENT ADVISORY | 0 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 48977 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

TAX SHELTERED COMPENSATION, INC.

41-0955056

| (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? |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| 49 99 | OTHER SERVICES | 0 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 24291 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| MMA SECURITIES LLC | 27 99 | 48977 |

| (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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| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290 | INVESTMENT ADVISORY (PLAN) |

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| TAX SHELTERED COMPENSATION, INC. | 13 49 50 99 | 24291 |

| (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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| PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290 | REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE |

| (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 | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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

Explanation:

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| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |

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

Explanation:

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| SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> | DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| Part I | Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs) |
|---------------|--|

| | | |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>TIAA REAL ESTATE</u> | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TIAA-CREF</u> | | |
| c EIN-PN <u>13-1624203-004</u> | d Entity code <u>P</u> | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>232523</u> |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |
| a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: | | |
| b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): | | |
| c EIN-PN | d Entity code | e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) |

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

| Assets | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 33270 |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | 47526 |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | |
| c General investments: | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | 166330 |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | 1446376 |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | 31414193 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | 5440890 |
| (15) Other | 1c(15) | 0 |
| | | 125248 |
| | | 4937939 |
| | | 688 |
| | | 1515209 |
| | | 34966492 |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | | |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 38548585 | 41545576 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | | |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | 0 | |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | | |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | | |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 0 | 0 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 38548585 | 41545576 |

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

| Income | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|--|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| a Contributions: | | | |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers..... | 2a(1)(A) | 579903 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | 1432945 | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | 188428 | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | 2201276 |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | 15387 | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | 208516 | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 223903 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | 587251 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | 587251 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | -10085 |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | 3742134 |
| c Other income | 2c | | 8027 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 6752506 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|---|--------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 3647238 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | | |
| (3) Other | 2e(3) | | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 3647238 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) | 2g | | |
| h Interest expense | 2h | | |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 108277 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | | |
| (11) Other expenses | 2i(11) | | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 108277 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 3755515 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | | |
|---|-------|--|---------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 2996991 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan | 2l(1) | | |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | |

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN LLP

(2) EIN: 41-0746749

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:

- a** Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)
- 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.)
- c** Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)
- d** Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)
- e** Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?
- f** Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?
- g** Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?
- h** Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?
- i** Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)
- j** Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)
- k** Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?
- l** Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?
- m** If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)
- n** If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.

| | Yes | No | Amount |
|-----------|-----|----|---------|
| 4a | X | | 10068 |
| 4b | | X | |
| 4c | | X | |
| 4d | | X | |
| 4e | X | | 5000000 |
| 4f | | X | |
| 4g | | X | |
| 4h | | X | |
| 4i | X | | |
| 4j | | X | |
| 4k | | X | |
| 4l | | X | |
| 4m | | X | |
| 4n | | | |

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

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

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
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5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined

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

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

| | | |
|---|--|------------|
| A Name of plan <u>NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN</u> | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | <u>001</u> |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>41-0684657</u> | |

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| Part I | Distributions |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

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

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|---|--|---|
| 1 | | 0 |
|---|--|---|

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): 13-1624203 74-1625348

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

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....

| | |
|---|--|
| 3 | |
|---|--|

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| Part II | Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.) |
|----------------|---|

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?..... Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| Part IV | ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
|----------------|---|

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? Yes No

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 09 / 21 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J501023A.

**NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
ERISA-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Plan Administrator
Northwestern Health Sciences University
Defined Contribution Plan
Bloomington, Minnesota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the Financial Statements

We were engaged to perform audits of the accompanying financial statements of Northwestern Health Sciences University Defined Contribution 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 Northwestern Health Sciences University Defined Contribution 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 audit 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 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 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 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

We do not express an opinion on the financial statements referred to above of Northwestern Health Sciences University Defined Contribution Plan. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion for the Financial Statements section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial statements.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

Northwestern Health Sciences University Defined Contribution Plan has not maintained sufficient accounting records and supporting documents relating to certain annuity contracts and custodial accounts issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009. Accordingly, we were unable to apply auditing procedures sufficient to determine the extent to which the financial statements referred to above may have been affected by these conditions.

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 Northwestern Health Sciences University Defined Contribution Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit of Northwestern Health Sciences University Defined Contribution Plan's financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and to issue an auditors' report. However, because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements section of our report, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

We are required to be independent of Northwestern Health Sciences University Defined Contribution Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits.

Plan Administrator
Northwestern Health Sciences University
Defined Contribution Plan

Other Matter

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) and schedule of delinquent participant as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion for the Financial Statements section of our report, it is inappropriate to, and we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedules.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

St. Cloud, Minnesota
October 1, 2025

**NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| INVESTMENTS (at Fair Value) | | |
| Mutual Funds | \$ 29,395,144 | \$ 25,884,533 |
| Sub-Accounts of Variable Annuities | 5,571,349 | 5,529,666 |
| General Accounts | 3,804,947 | 3,984,003 |
| Pooled Separate Accounts | 1,512,602 | 1,481,482 |
| Total Investments (at Fair Value) | 40,284,042 | 36,879,684 |
| GENERAL ACCOUNT (at Contract Value) | 1,135,598 | 1,421,782 |
| RECEIVABLES | | |
| Employer Contributions Receivable | - | 21,640 |
| Employee Contributions Receivable | - | 47,526 |
| Notes Receivable from Participants | 125,248 | 166,330 |
| Total Receivables | 125,248 | 235,496 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS | \$ 41,544,888 | \$ 38,536,962 |

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| ADDITIONS: | | |
| INVESTMENT INCOME | | |
| Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments | \$ 2,977,602 | \$ 4,321,556 |
| Interest and Dividends | 1,551,153 | 874,782 |
| Total Investment Income | 4,528,755 | 5,196,338 |
| INTEREST INCOME ON NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS | 14,722 | 10,214 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS | | |
| Employer Contributions | 591,532 | 598,179 |
| Employee Contributions | 1,432,945 | 1,459,361 |
| Rollover Contributions | 188,428 | 351,040 |
| Total Contributions | 2,212,905 | 2,408,580 |
| Total Additions | 6,756,382 | 7,615,132 |
| DEDUCTIONS: | | |
| BENEFITS PAID TO PARTICIPANTS | 3,647,261 | 5,170,687 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES | 101,195 | 86,470 |
| Total Deductions | 3,748,456 | 5,257,157 |
| NET INCREASE | 3,007,926 | 2,357,975 |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS: | | |
| Beginning of Year | 38,536,962 | 36,178,987 |
| End of Year | \$ 41,544,888 | \$ 38,536,962 |

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Northwestern Health Sciences University Defined Contribution Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan originally effective October 1, 1973. The Plan has been amended and restated throughout the years to comply with tax legislation and was last amended and restated effective May 13, 2024. The Plan covers all employees of Northwestern Health Sciences University (the Employer), except for student workers, nonresident aliens with no U.S. source income, and employees who normally work less than 20 hours a week. Adjunct faculty and employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement are not eligible to receive any Employer contributions. Effective May 13, 2024, on-call employees are no longer eligible to receive any Employer contributions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

Eligibility

Salary Deferrals

Employees are eligible to participate in the salary reduction arrangement in the Plan immediately upon hire.

Employer Contributions

Employees are eligible to participate in Employer contributions after attaining age 18 and completing one year of service (1,000 hours). Prior service with education organizations, teaching institutions, and institutions of higher education are recognized for Plan purposes. The employee enters the Plan on the first day of each month of the Plan year following the completion of the eligibility requirements.

Contributions

Eligible participants are permitted to elect to have a percentage, limited by Plan provisions, of their compensation contributed as pre-tax contributions to the Plan. Roth contributions are also permitted. The Plan has an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees and current participants who have not entered into a salary deferral election will be automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 2% of eligible compensation. The Plan also includes an auto increase feature whereby a participant's deferral rate will automatically increase by 1% each year up to a maximum of 5%. Effective January 1, 2024, the auto-increase cap increased from 5% to 10%.

The Employer contributes a discretionary contribution at a rate equal to a uniform percentage of the compensation of each eligible participant. The discretionary contribution was 4.75% for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The Plan also requires employees to contribute at least 2% to receive the Employer contribution.

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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions (Continued)

Eligible participants are also allowed to contribute age 50 catch-up contributions and 15-year rule catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans or conduit IRAs. Participants direct the investment of contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Employer's discretionary contribution, and an allocation of Plan earnings or losses. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. Income is allocated daily based on the shares in the participant's account. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided by the participant's account. The Plan currently offers various investment options for participants. Participants may be required to maintain a balance in the general account if they chose to participate in a loan program that operates outside of the Plan provisions.

Payment of Benefits

The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided by the participant's account. Upon termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, the participant may elect to receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account in the form of a lump-sum distribution. Effective January 1, 2024, participants can take a distribution of less than their entire vested account balance upon termination of employment. Participant withdrawals prior to termination are allowed in the event of financial hardship of their elective deferrals or attainment of age 59½ of their entire account balance. If a participant terminated employment and the participant's account balance was never greater than \$5,000, the Plan administrator will authorize the benefit payment without the participant's consent.

Vesting

Participants are immediately 100% vested in their salary deferrals and rollover contributions, plus earnings thereon. Employees who were participants as of December 31, 2022 are immediately 100% vested in their Employer contributions, plus earnings thereon. Employees who become participants on or after January 1, 2023 vest in Employer contributions, plus earnings thereon, at a rate of 20% after the first two years of service and 20% for each additional year of service, becoming 100% vested after six years of service.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms are up to five years, except for loans used to acquire or construct the participant's principal residence. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rate is the prime rate plus 1%. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Plan Loans

Participants may borrow amounts from TIAA and VALIC, the insurance companies. Plan loans may be requested by a participant, using their account as collateral for the Plan loan. A Plan loan is not treated as distribution from the Plan and is not considered a Plan asset. Therefore, Plan loans are not reported on the statements of net assets available for benefits.

A participant may apply for a Plan loan to be made from his or her vested account balance in the Plan not to exceed the lesser of (i) \$50,000 or (ii) 50% of the participant's vested account balance in the Plan. Loans may be further limited by the funding vehicles.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were \$2,585 and \$2,438, respectively, held within participant accounts on the statements of net assets available for benefits, which served as collateral against outstanding Plan loan balances.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are valued at fair value, except for the benefit-responsive general accounts. 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.

Investments in the pooled separate accounts are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of units, as provided by the insurance company. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for the current transactions.

Certain mutual funds and the sub-accounts of variable annuities are not publicly traded and are valued by TIAA and CREF at accumulation unit value, which is based on the estimated value of the underlying investments, held by the Plan at year-end. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for the current transactions.

The remaining mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. These mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (Continued)

Investments in the nonbenefit-responsive general accounts are valued at fair value by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the credit worthiness of the issuer.

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

Administrative Expenses

The Employer pays certain administrative expenses on behalf of the Plan.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Plan has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 1, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 CERTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Delaware Charter Guarantee and Trust Company dba: Principal Trust Company (Principal), TIAA and CREF (TIAA), and The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC), the qualified institutions, have supplied the Plan administrator with a certification as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024.

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NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

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

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

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- 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 market value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques 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 valuation methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions.

Sub-Accounts of Variable Annuities: Valued at NAV of shares, which are valued by CREF at accumulation unit value based on the estimated value of the underlying investments, held by the Plan at year-end. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions.

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NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Pooled Separate Account: Valued based on the NAV of units, which are based on market prices of the underlying investments, held by the Plan at year-end. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions.

Investments in the Nonbenefit-Responsive Fixed Account: Valued at fair value by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the credit worthiness of the issuer. The Retirement Plan Committee has various processes and controls in place to ensure that fair value is reasonably estimated. Valuation approaches are reviewed on an ongoing basis and revised as necessary based on changing market conditions to ensure values represent a reasonable exit price.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31:

| | 2024 | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual Funds | \$ 29,166,287 | \$ 228,857 | \$ - | \$ 29,395,144 |
| Sub-Accounts in Variable Annuities | - | 5,571,349 | - | 5,571,349 |
| General Accounts | - | 126,096 | 3,678,851 | 3,804,947 |
| Pooled Separate Accounts | - | 1,512,602 | - | 1,512,602 |
| Total Investments at Fair Value | <u>\$ 29,166,287</u> | <u>\$ 7,438,904</u> | <u>\$ 3,678,851</u> | <u>\$ 40,284,042</u> |

| | 2023 | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual Funds | 25,884,533 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 25,884,533 |
| Sub-Accounts in Variable Annuities | - | 5,529,666 | - | 5,529,666 |
| General Accounts | - | 138,264 | 3,845,739 | 3,984,003 |
| Pooled Separate Accounts | - | 1,481,482 | - | 1,481,482 |
| Total Investments at Fair Value | <u>\$ 25,884,533</u> | <u>\$ 7,149,412</u> | <u>\$ 3,845,739</u> | <u>\$ 36,879,684</u> |

The following table sets forth certain changes in the Plan's Level 3 assets for the years ended December 31:

| | Fixed Account | |
|---------------|---------------|------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 |
| Purchases | \$ 250,907 | \$ 561,763 |
| Issuances | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - |
| Transfers Out | - | - |

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NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Quantitative Information about Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following tables represent the Plan's Level 3 financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges of values for those inputs as of December 31:

| 2024 | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Type | Fair Value | Valuation Technique | Significant Unobservable Inputs | Range |
| TIAA Traditional Annuity | \$ 3,678,851 | Discounted Cash Flow | Risk-Adjusted Discount Rate Applied | RA - 3.65% to 6.50% SRA - 3.00% to 5.75% GRA - 3.65% to 6.50% |
| | | Theoretical Transfer (Exit Value) | | GSRA - 3.00% to 5.75% RC - 3.90% to 6.75% RCP - 3.15% to 6.00% |
| 2023 | | | | |
| Type | Fair Value | Valuation Technique | Significant Unobservable Inputs | Range |
| TIAA Traditional Annuity | \$ 3,845,739 | Discounted Cash Flow | Risk-Adjusted Discount Rate Applied | RA - 4.00% to 6.75% SRA - 3.25% to 6.00% GRA - 4.00% to 6.75% |
| | | Theoretical Transfer (Exit Value) | | GSRA - 3.25% to 6.00% RC - 4.25% to 7.00% RCP - 3.50% to 6.25% |

NOTE 5 PLAN TAX STATUS

The Plan is placing reliance on an opinion letter received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on the volume submitter plan indicating that the volume submitter plan is qualified under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and is, therefore, not subject to tax under current income tax law. The volume submitter plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, 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.

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

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NOTE 6 PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, the participants would become 100% vested in their Employer contributions.

NOTE 7 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for investment in a variety of investment funds. In general, investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investments 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.

NOTE 8 PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan investments are managed by Principal, TIAA and CREF, and VALIC. Principal, TIAA and CREF, and VALIC are the custodian and insurance companies as defined by the Plan and, therefore, the investment transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 9 HISTORICAL PLAN ADMINISTRATION

Prior to 2009, the Plan's third-party administrator, TIAA, tracked contributions, investment earnings, distributions, and other activity on a "contract" basis. Each participant was setup as having a separate "contract" and Plan level activity was not captured. This method of administration was utilized prior to January 1, 2009 as the regulations governing 403(b) Plans did not require Plan level reporting. The Plan administrator believes a good faith effort was made to obtain all relevant information prior to January 1, 2009. However, as a result of the method of administration and lack of historical Plan level financial reporting, the Plan administrator is unable to obtain Plan level information prior to January 1, 2009.

NOTE 10 CONTRACTS WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES

Each participant maintains an individual annuity contract with TIAA and/or CREF or is part of a group annuity contract with either VALIC or Principal (all three collectively referred to as the service providers). As part of the contracts, the service providers may maintain a portion of the contributions in a "guaranteed account," which are called the Traditional Fixed Account (TIAA), Fixed Account Plus (VALIC), Short Term Fixed Account (VALIC), and Fixed Income Guaranteed Option (Principal). The accounts are credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for withdrawals and administrative expenses charged by the service providers.

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NOTE 10 CONTRACTS WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES (CONTINUED)

Certain contracts are considered to be nonbenefit-responsive. These contracts are included in the financial statements at fair value by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the credit worthiness of the issuer.

Certain contracts are considered to be benefit-responsive. These contracts are included in the financial statements at contract value, which represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less withdrawals and administrative expenses. Upon termination of the investment contract, the lump-sum liquidation value of the guaranteed account portion of the participant's accumulation value shall be equal to the product of (a) the participant's guaranteed account accumulation value on the liquidation date, reduced by the liquidation charge applicable on the liquidation date and (b) a market value adjustment percentage. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

The TIAA contracts are subject to a 10-year withdrawal period. Upon termination of the contracts, the amount of each transfer payout annuity payment will be determined as of the annuity starting date for the transfer payout annuity by the amount of the Traditional Fixed Account accumulation and the interest rates in the rate schedules under which any premiums, additional amounts, and internal transfers were applied to the account.

The VALIC contracts do not allow for transfers from the Short-Term Fixed Account for 90 days after a transfer to the Short-Term Fixed Account is made. Participants may transfer up to 20% of the accumulation value allocated to the Fixed Account Plus during the Plan year. If multiple transfers are made in a year, the percentages of the accumulation value transferred each time will be added together to determine the 20% transfer limit for that year.

The Fixed Income Guaranteed Option contract with Principal was terminated on January 17, 2025 by liquidating the Plan's interest.

NOTE 11 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Net Assets Available for Benefits per the Financial Statements | \$ 41,544,888 | \$ 38,536,962 |
| Miscellaneous Adjustments | 688 | (7) |
| Receivables | - | 11,630 |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500 | <u>\$ 41,545,576</u> | <u>\$ 38,548,585</u> |

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NOTE 11 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500 (CONTINUED)

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase per the financial statements to Form 5500 for the years ended December 31:

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Net Increase per the Financial Statements | \$ 3,007,926 | \$ 2,357,975 |
| Miscellaneous Adjustments | 695 | (43) |
| Change in Receivables | (11,630) | 10,354 |
| Change in Payables | - | 4,652 |
| Net Income per Form 5500 | <u>\$ 2,996,991</u> | <u>\$ 2,372,938</u> |

NOTE 12 NONEXEMPT TRANSACTIONS

During 2023 and 2024, the Employer failed to remit certain employee deferral contributions for three participants within the time frame prescribed by the Department of Labor. This is deemed a prohibited transaction in accordance with ERISA and the IRC. The Employer has taken corrective action during 2025.

NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN
E.I.N. 41-0684657 PLAN NO. 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i—SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
DECEMBER 31, 2024

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|-----|---|---|---------|------------------|
| | Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value | Cost ** | Current Value |
| * | Principal | Large Cap Growth I Fund | \$ | 1,343,974 |
| | Columbia Management | Mid Cap Index R5 Fund | | 143,049 |
| | American Century | Mid Cap Value R6 Fund | | 165,721 |
| | Eaton Vance | Income Fund of Boston | | 41,128 |
| | Vanguard | Inflation Protected Securities Fund | | 253,404 |
| | MFS | Value Fund | | 228,517 |
| | Nuveen | Real Estate Securities I Fund | | 51,344 |
| | DFA | US Targeted Value I Fund | | 143,538 |
| | MFS | International Diversification Fund | | 329,983 |
| | Columbia Management | Small Cap Index R5 Fund | | 119,147 |
| | Nuveen | International Equity Index Fund | | 142,039 |
| | Fidelity Advisor | Government Income I Fund | | 72,412 |
| * | TIAA | TIAA Separate Account VA-3 | | 228,857 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2010 | | 64,491 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2015 | | 679,607 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2020 | | 1,899,167 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2025 | | 4,484,609 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2030 | | 4,992,236 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2035 | | 4,171,909 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2040 | | 2,897,645 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2045 | | 2,585,317 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2050 | | 1,552,912 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2055 | | 469,288 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2060 | | 257,729 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2065 | | 52,088 |
| | Loomis Sayles | Investment Grade Bond Y Fund | | 274,236 |
| | Pioneer Mutual | Pioneer Strategic Income Y Fund | | 57,428 |
| | PIMCO | International Bond Fund | | 121,665 |
| | Fidelity | 500 Index Fund | | 1,375,629 |
| | Janus Henderson | Venture Fund | | 120,050 |
| | Blackrock | Mid-Cap Growth Equity | | 76,025 |
| * | CREF | CREF Stock | | 2,811,825 |
| * | CREF | CREF Global Equities | | 615,805 |
| * | CREF | CREF Growth | | 1,152,936 |
| * | CREF | CREF Money Market | | 105,232 |
| * | CREF | CREF Social Choice | | 428,672 |
| * | CREF | CREF Equity Index | | 161,825 |
| * | CREF | CREF Core Bond R1 X5 | | 138,375 |
| * | CREF | CREF Inflation-Linked Bond | | 156,679 |
| * | VALIC | Fixed Account Plus | | 126,096 |

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

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|-----|---|---|---------|-----------------------------|
| | Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value | Cost ** | Current Value |
| * | TIAA | Traditional Annuity | | \$ 3,678,851 |
| * | TIAA | Traditional Annuity FBRIC | | 503,144 |
| * | Principal | Fixed Income Guaranteed Option | | 632,454 |
| * | VALIC | Separate Account A | | 1,280,079 |
| * | TIAA | Real Estate Account | | 232,523 |
| * | Participants | Participant Loans Interest Rates of 4.25% - 9.50% | - | <u>125,248</u> |
| | | | | <u><u>\$ 41,544,888</u></u> |

* Indicates party-in-interest

**Indicates omitted cost for participant-directed investments

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a—SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

| Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan (During 2023 and 2024, Respectively) | Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions | | | Total Fully Corrected under VFCP and PTE 2002-51 |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Contributions Not Corrected | Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP | Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP | |
| Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,619 | \$ - |
| Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,449 | \$ - |



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DECEMBER 31, 2024

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|-----|---|---|---------|------------------|
| | Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value | Cost ** | Current Value |
| * | Principal | Large Cap Growth I Fund | \$ | 1,343,974 |
| | Columbia Management | Mid Cap Index R5 Fund | | 143,049 |
| | American Century | Mid Cap Value R6 Fund | | 165,721 |
| | Eaton Vance | Income Fund of Boston | | 41,128 |
| | Vanguard | Inflation Protected Securities Fund | | 253,404 |
| | MFS | Value Fund | | 228,517 |
| | Nuveen | Real Estate Securities I Fund | | 51,344 |
| | DFA | US Targeted Value I Fund | | 143,538 |
| | MFS | International Diversification Fund | | 329,983 |
| | Columbia Management | Small Cap Index R5 Fund | | 119,147 |
| | Nuveen | International Equity Index Fund | | 142,039 |
| | Fidelity Advisor | Government Income I Fund | | 72,412 |
| * | TIAA | TIAA Separate Account VA-3 | | 228,857 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2010 | | 64,491 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2015 | | 679,607 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2020 | | 1,899,167 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2025 | | 4,484,609 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2030 | | 4,992,236 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2035 | | 4,171,909 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2040 | | 2,897,645 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2045 | | 2,585,317 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2050 | | 1,552,912 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2055 | | 469,288 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2060 | | 257,729 |
| | American Funds | Target Date Retirement 2065 | | 52,088 |
| | Loomis Sayles | Investment Grade Bond Y Fund | | 274,236 |
| | Pioneer Mutual | Pioneer Strategic Income Y Fund | | 57,428 |
| | PIMCO | International Bond Fund | | 121,665 |
| | Fidelity | 500 Index Fund | | 1,375,629 |
| | Janus Henderson | Venture Fund | | 120,050 |
| | Blackrock | Mid-Cap Growth Equity | | 76,025 |
| * | CREF | CREF Stock | | 2,811,825 |
| * | CREF | CREF Global Equities | | 615,805 |
| * | CREF | CREF Growth | | 1,152,936 |
| * | CREF | CREF Money Market | | 105,232 |
| * | CREF | CREF Social Choice | | 428,672 |
| * | CREF | CREF Equity Index | | 161,825 |
| * | CREF | CREF Core Bond R1 X5 | | 138,375 |
| * | CREF | CREF Inflation-Linked Bond | | 156,679 |
| * | VALIC | Fixed Account Plus | | 126,096 |

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| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
|-----|---|---|---------|-----------------------------|
| | Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party | Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value | Cost ** | Current Value |
| * | TIAA | Traditional Annuity | | \$ 3,678,851 |
| * | TIAA | Traditional Annuity FBRIC | | 503,144 |
| * | Principal | Fixed Income Guaranteed Option | | 632,454 |
| * | VALIC | Separate Account A | | 1,280,079 |
| * | TIAA | Real Estate Account | | 232,523 |
| * | Participants | Participant Loans Interest Rates of 4.25% - 9.50% | - | <u>125,248</u> |
| | | | | <u><u>\$ 41,544,888</u></u> |

* *Indicates party-in-interest*

***Indicates omitted cost for participant-directed investments*