

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

- A This return/report is for: [] a multiemployer plan [] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) [x] a single-employer plan [] a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is: [] the first return/report [] the final return/report [] an amended return/report [] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. []
D Check box if filing under: [x] Form 5558 [] automatic extension [] the DFVC program [] special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. []

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan THE BRIX GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2016
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) THE BRIX GROUP 838 N LAVERNE AVENUE FRESNO, CA 93727
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2177912
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 800-726-2333
2d Business code (see instructions) 441300

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

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

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

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	223
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)	158
	6a(2)	124
	6b	11
	6c	73
	6d	208
	6e	2
	6f	210
	6g(1)	208
6g(2)	210	
6h	21	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2P 2Q

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules	b General Schedules
(1) <input 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 type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>0</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan THE BRIX GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE BRIX GROUP	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2177912

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	1216000	1184000
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	518	806
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	28856062	21290485
(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	30072580	22475291
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	10816000	9984000
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	10816000	9984000
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	19256580	12491291

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)	1444361	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		1444361
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	288	
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		288
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		0
(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)	-7565577	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		-6120928

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	260361	
(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)		260361
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		384000
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(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)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		644361

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-6765289
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: **PETRINOVICH PUGH & COMPANY, LLP**

(2) EIN: **94-1668792**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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 _____.

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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A Name of plan <u>THE BRIX GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE BRIX GROUP</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>94-2177912</u>	

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.....	1	0
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
EIN(s): _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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(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 _____

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(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 ___/___/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Committee and Trustee of
The Brix Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan
Fresno, California

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Brix Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held at end of year is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA (continued)

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including their form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Petrinovich Pugh & Company, LLP

Petrinovich Pugh & Company, LLP

San Jose, California
October 6, 2025

THE BRIX GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS:</u>			
Interest bearing cash	\$ 806	\$ -	\$ 806
Investment in The Brix Group, Inc. common stock at fair value	10,902,127	10,388,358	21,290,485
Employer contribution receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>1,184,000</u>	<u>1,184,000</u>
Total assets	10,902,933	11,572,358	22,475,291
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Interest payable - The Brix Group, Inc.	-	384,000	384,000
Note payable - The Brix Group, Inc.	<u>-</u>	<u>9,600,000</u>	<u>9,600,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>9,984,000</u>	<u>9,984,000</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 10,902,933</u>	<u>\$ 1,588,358</u>	<u>\$ 12,491,291</u>

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THE BRIX GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
<u>ASSETS:</u>			
Interest bearing cash	\$ 518	\$ -	\$ 518
Investment in The Brix Group, Inc. common stock at fair value	13,248,943	15,607,119	28,856,062
Employer contribution receivable	-	1,216,000	1,216,000
Total assets	13,249,461	16,823,119	30,072,580
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>			
Interest payable - The Brix Group, Inc.	-	416,000	416,000
Note payable - The Brix Group, Inc.	-	10,400,000	10,400,000
Total liabilities	-	10,816,000	10,816,000
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 13,249,461	\$ 6,007,119	\$ 19,256,580

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THE BRIX GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
<u>ADDITIONS:</u>			
Additions to net assets attributed to:			
Employer contributions	\$ 260,361	\$ 1,184,000	\$ 1,444,361
Interest income	288	-	288
Allocation of 443 shares of The Brix Group, Inc. common stock at fair value	1,126,841	-	1,126,841
Total additions	1,387,490	1,184,000	2,571,490
 <u>DEDUCTIONS:</u>			
Deductions from net assets attributed to:			
Net depreciation of assets	3,473,657	4,091,920	7,565,577
Distributions to participants	260,361	-	260,361
Interest expense	-	384,000	384,000
Allocation of 443 shares of The Brix Group, Inc. common stock at fair value	-	1,126,841	1,126,841
Total deductions	3,734,018	5,602,761	9,336,779
Net decrease	(2,346,528)	(4,418,761)	(6,765,289)
Net assets available for benefits:			
Beginning of year	13,249,461	6,007,119	19,256,580
End of year	\$ 10,902,933	\$ 1,588,358	\$ 12,491,291

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THE BRIX GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of The Brix Group, Inc. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan's adoption agreement and amendments for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: On July 21, 2016, The Brix Group, Inc. (the Company) implemented a leveraged Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) with an effective date of January 1, 2016. An ESOP is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (IRC) as amended and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Plan is administered by a Plan committee comprising an individual or individuals, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company has delegated the responsibility for the trustee functions of the Plan to an independent third party, the ESOP Trustee.

On July 21, 2016, the Company repurchased 8,370.02 voting and non-voting shares from the former shareholders and sold 8,370.02 net voting shares of common stock to the Employee Stock Ownership Trust (ESOT), which accounts for 100% of the outstanding capital of the Company. The shares were purchased from the proceeds of a loan of \$16,000,000 and the Plan holds the common stock in the ESOT established under the Plan (the ESOP shares).

The ESOP shares were purchased at a fair market value at the implementation date of \$1,912 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of \$16,000,000 (the transaction cost). The \$16,000,000 transaction was based on an initial transaction valuation of the Company performed on July 21, 2016 (see Note C). The ending value of the shares at the end of each Plan year are determined from annual valuations (see Note D).

The borrowing is collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock and is guaranteed by the Company. The lender has no rights against shares of common stock once they are allocated to participants in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to:

- the accounts of employees with rights in allocated common stock (allocated), and
- common stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated).

Eligibility: All employees are eligible to participate in the Plan retroactively to the first day of the plan year in which the employee first completes 1,000 hours of service, beginning with the employee's commencement date. Participants who do not have at least 1,000 hours of service during such Plan year are generally not eligible for an allocation of Company contributions for such year.

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NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Employer Contributions: Each year, the Board of Directors of the Company will decide how much to contribute for that plan year. Although not required, their decision is normally based on the Company's financial performance and condition, provided that such contributions do not exceed the maximum amounts deductible under Section 404(a)(3) of the IRC. Contributions may be made in cash, shares of Brix Group, Inc. common stock at fair value ("Company stock"), or a combination of both. Shares of Company stock will be valued at their then fair value. The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which, when aggregated with the Plan's dividends and interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its term loan. Employee contributions are not permitted.

A participant is eligible to share in the allocation of contributions only if the participant has accumulated 1,000 or more hours of service during the plan year. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total eligible compensation of all eligible participants in that plan year. On December 31, 2024, the Plan had an employer contribution receivable related to 2024 employer contributions of \$1,184,000, which was funded by the Company in January 2025. On December 31, 2023, the Plan had an employer contribution receivable related to 2023 employer contributions of \$1,216,000 which was funded by the Company in January 2024.

Payment of Benefits: Distributions on account of death, disability, or retirement generally commence in the plan year following the event and are made in five equal annual installments. Distributions for other separations from service commence in the sixth plan year following the separation from service and are made in five equal annual installments. Distributions for vested balances less than \$5,000, will be paid in a lump sum amount generally in the plan year following the separation of service. The amount to be distributed is based upon the immediately preceding valuation date, based on the participants' vested and allocated shares. Distributions are made in cash or, if the Company elects, in the form of Company common stock plus cash for any fractional share of common stock. Distributions under \$1,000 are considered involuntary. Under the provisions of the Plan, the Company is obligated to repurchase participant shares, which have been distributed under the terms of the Plan if the shares are not publicly traded or if the shares are subject to trading limitations

Administrative Expenses: As provided by the Plan agreement, administrative expenses are paid either by the Plan or the Company. The Company has historically paid the operating expenses for the Plan. Administrative costs paid by the Company were \$87,973 and \$39,965 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Voting Rights: The ESOP Trustee generally votes the shares of the Company's common stock that the Plan owns, with respect to general corporate matters. Pursuant to applicable law, however, each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the shares allocated to his or her account under the Plan, with respect to major corporate actions presented to the Company's shareholders for a vote (such as corporate mergers, liquidation, reorganization, recapitalization, and/or sale of substantially all of the Company's assets), and will be notified by the Trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. The Trustee is required, however, to vote any unallocated shares, and any allocated shares for which no voting instructions are given, on behalf of the collective best interests of Plan participants and beneficiaries.

Participant Accounts: The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which a separate individual account is established for each participant. Each participant's account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of Plan earnings and shares of the Company's common stock released by the Trustee from the unallocated account and forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested accounts. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on the ratio of the participant's balance to all participants' account balances.

Vesting: If a participant's employment with the Company ends for any reason other than retirement, permanent disability, or death, he or she will vest in the balances in his or her account based on total years of service with the Company. For the purposes of vesting, 1 year of service shall be granted for every 2 years of employment with the employer prior to the effective date in which an employee is credited with not less than 1,000 hours of service, provided the employee is employed with the employer on the Plan's effective date. An employee is considered to have completed one year of service by completing 1,000 hours of service during a plan year. The value of each participant's account is zero percent vested and forfeitable until after two years of service, at which point their balance vests at a rate of 20% per year over a period of five years. Participants are fully vested after six years of service.

Put Option: Under federal income tax regulations, the employer stock that is held by the Plan and its participants and is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the current appraised value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period of five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

The Plan will purchase Company stock that has been distributed to a participant or beneficiary if the participant or beneficiary offers the Company stock for sale to the Company during one of the two options: The first put option period is the 60 days beginning on the date following the date that the Company stock is distributed to the participant or beneficiary. The second put option period is a period of 60 days in the following year. Such put option shall be exercised by notifying the Plan in writing. The Plan may permit the trust to assume the rights and obligations of the Plan at the time the put option is exercised.

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NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)

Diversification: Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Company common stock into investments that are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55, with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan, may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a 6-year period. In each of the first 5 years, a participant may diversify up to 25 percent of the number of shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50 percent. Participants who elect to diversify receive a distribution of cash or employer securities, or a combination of each. The election to diversify is made subsequent to year-end based upon the shares of employer stock in the participant's account at year-end.

Forfeitures: Plan forfeitures are allocated to each participant's account based on the relation of the participant's eligible compensation to total eligible compensation for the plan year. Forfeitures allocated to participants during years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$31,058 and \$181,962, respectively.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Allocations: The financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock (allocated) and stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated), including shares that are committed to be released. Shares are released from collateral and become allocated generally in the period in which debt service is actually paid. During the year ended December 31, 2024, 455 shares allocated were from the funding of the December 31, 2023 employer contribution receivable. As of December 31, 2024, 443 shares remain unallocated, and will be allocated when the employer contribution receivable is funded in the subsequent Plan year.

Investment Valuation and Revenue Recognition: The shares of Company common stock are reported at fair value (see Note D). Dividend income is accrued on the ex-dividend date. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are reported on the average cost method. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

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NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Subsequent Events: Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 855-10 Subsequent Events requires additional disclosure for events or transactions that occur after the statement of net assets available for benefits date. The Plan has no significant subsequent events as of October 6, 2025. The Plan has not evaluated subsequent events after this date, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE C – PLAN INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investment in The Brix Group, Inc. common stock as of December 31, are as follows:

	2024		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Number of shares	4,286	4,084	8,370
Cost	\$ 8,193,070	\$ 7,806,930	\$ 16,000,000
Estimated fair value	\$ 10,902,127	\$ 10,388,358	\$ 21,290,485
	2023		
	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Number of shares	3,843	4,527	8,370
Cost	\$ 7,346,237	\$ 8,653,763	\$ 16,000,000
Estimated fair value	\$ 13,248,943	\$ 15,607,119	\$ 28,856,062

Funds received during 2024 related to the \$1,216,000 employer contribution receivable as of December 31, 2023, were used for the repayment of a portion of the Note Payable – The Brix Group Inc. (see Note E). As a result, the 455 shares committed to be released as of December 31, 2023, were allocated to participants during 2024. As of December 31, 2024, 443 shares are committed to be released and will be allocated to participants during 2025 when funds are received from the \$1,184,000 employer contribution receivable as of December 31, 2024.

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NOTE D – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10 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 to the valuation methodology include:

- 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 specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

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

- *The Brix Group, Inc. Common Stock*: The fair market value of The Brix Group, Inc. common stock was determined by a third-party certified valuation analyst using generally accepted valuation methods that included the income approach, the asset method, and the market approach. The fair value of the ESOP shares have been classified as level 3 measurements within the fair value hierarchy at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Unobservable inputs for the income approach include EBITDA, net income, weighted average cost of capital, discount rate, discount for lack of marketability. Unobservable inputs for the market approach include public comparable companies, revenue multiples, EBITDA multiples, and a discount for lack of marketability.

The valuation process involves the selection of an independent appraiser. Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from historical and projected financial information of the Company. The appraiser prepares a preliminary report that Plan management, along with the ESOP Trustee, reviews in detail, discusses, and approves.

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NOTE D – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

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

	2024			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
The Brix Group, Inc. common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,290,485	\$ 21,290,485
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 21,290,485</u>	<u>\$ 21,290,485</u>
	2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
The Brix Group, Inc. common stock	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,856,062	\$ 28,856,062
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 28,856,062</u>	<u>\$ 28,856,062</u>

The following table sets forth the increases in The Brix Group, Inc. common stock during the years ended December 31:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 28,856,062	\$ 8,120,928
Unrealized (depreciation) appreciation in estimated fair value	<u>(7,565,577)</u>	<u>20,735,134</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 21,290,485</u>	<u>\$ 28,856,062</u>

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NOTE E – NOTE PAYABLE – THE BRIX GROUP, INC.

In July 2016, the Plan entered into a \$16,000,000 term loan agreement with the Company (the ESOP Note). The proceeds of the ESOP Note were used to purchase 8,370.02 voting and non-voting shares of Company common stock. The unallocated shares serve as collateral for the ESOP Note and are held in the ESOT (see Note A). On July 21, 2016, the ESOP shares were purchased by the ESOT from the Company's former shareholders at a fair market value of \$1,912 per share. The \$16,000,000 transaction cost was based on a valuation of the Company performed by a third-party valuation analyst (see Note D).

The ESOP Note bears interest at 4% and is being repaid over twenty years. Scheduled loan principal payments of \$800,000 plus interest, are due annually, and are funded with contributions paid on the unallocated ESOP shares, and with cash contributions from the Company as necessary. As loan payments are made, shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants accounts. The number of shares released in any year is the number of shares held as collateral, multiplied by the ratio of current year payments divided by the total of the current year payments, plus all future years' principal and interest payments. \$800,000 of principal was paid on the ESOP Note during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. \$384,000 and \$416,000 in interest expense was incurred on the ESOP Note during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Principal payments on the ESOP Note for the years ending December 31 are due as follows:

2025	\$	800,000
2026		800,000
2027		800,000
2028		800,000
2029		800,000
Thereafter		<u>5,600,000</u>
	\$	<u>9,600,000</u>

On December 31, 2024 the total estimated fair value of the ESOP shares from the year-end valuation, completed on April 29, 2025, was \$21,290,485. The fair value of the unreleased ESOP shares was \$10,388,358.

On December 31, 2023 the total estimated fair value of the ESOP shares from the year-end valuation, completed on April 9, 2024, was \$28,856,062. The fair value of the unreleased ESOP shares was \$15,607,119.

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NOTE F – COMPANY ADVANCES

During the Plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company made cash advances of \$260,361 and \$61,374, respectively, to the ESOT to cover the Plan's distribution obligations to participants. These advances to the Plan were unsecured, interest-free, and were subsequently applied against employer contributions. Plan Management believes that the advances complied with the requirements of Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 80-26.

NOTE G – RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in Company stock and has indebtedness guaranteed by the Company. These are related party and party-in-interest transactions. As described in Note A, the Company paid for certain plan expenses. The Plan has several service providers. Such providers are parties in interest under ESOP Note.

The unpaid principal balance and accrued interest on the ESOP Note, as discussed in Note E, is due to The Brix Group, Inc. which is the administrator of the Plan and is a related party.

NOTE H – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan investments consist of Company stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other such techniques. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. Due to the level of risk associated with the investment in Company stock and to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the Company stock will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE I – PLAN TERMINATION

While the Company has not expressed any intent to terminate the Plan, the Company reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time, subject to Plan provisions. Upon termination of the Plan, the Plan Committee directs the Trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the ESOP and to sell shares of financed common stock held as collateral to the extent it determines such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan. Subsequently, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the IRC.

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NOTE J – INCOME TAX STATUS

The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated December 20, 2017 that the Plan and related trust are designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. 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 a significant uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

THE BRIX GROUP, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR

DECEMBER 31, 2024

Federal employer identification number – 94-2177912

Plan number - 002

<u>(a)</u>	<u>(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party</u>	<u>(c) Description of investment including maturity date interest, collateral, par or maturity value</u>	<u>(d) Cost</u>	<u>(e) Current value</u>
*	The Brix Group, Inc.	Common Stock	<u>\$ 16,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,290,485</u>
	Total investments		<u><u>\$ 16,000,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 21,290,485</u></u>

* Denotes related party

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.

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
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 THE BRIX GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) 002
1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2016
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) THE BRIX GROUP 838 N LAVERNE AVENUE FRESNO CA 93727
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 94-2177912
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 800-726-2333
2d Business code (see instructions) 441300

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

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

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes signature of Jason Welsh and date 10/7/25.

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:		4b EIN	
a Sponsor's name		4d PN	
c Plan Name			
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	223	
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	6a(1)	158	
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2)	124	
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	6b	11	
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c	73	
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d	208	
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits	6e	2	
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	210	
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1)	208	
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2)	210	
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6h	21	

7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)..... **7**

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2P 2Q

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

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

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

a Pension Schedules

- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached _____
- (4) **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) **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 _____
