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| <p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p> | <p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p> | <p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/05/2024

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

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| <p>1a Name of plan <u>BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP EMPLOYEES 401(K) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN</u></p> | <p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p> |
| <p>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) <u>BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP</u></p> <p><u>1 PENNSYLVANIA PLAZA</u> <u>SUITE 2800</u> <u>NEW YORK, NY 10119-0219</u></p> | <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>09/01/1981</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>13-1578842</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>212-896-1911</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541211</u></p> |

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

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

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/13/2025 | JAN ALTMAN |
| | Signature of plan administrator | Date | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator |
| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/13/2025 | MARC NEWMAN |
| | Signature of employer/plan sponsor | Date | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| SIGN HERE | | | |
| | Signature of DFE | Date | Enter name of individual signing as DFE |

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| 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 | 193 |
| 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) | 0 |
| | 6a(2) | 0 |
| | 6b | 0 |
| | 6c | 0 |
| | 6d | 0 |
| | 6e | 0 |
| | 6f | 0 |
| | 6g(1) | 193 |
| 6g(2) | 0 | |
| 6h | 0 | |
| 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:
2E 2F 2G 2J 2T 2A 3B 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)

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 1
- (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 _____

**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).

OMB No. 1210-0110

2024

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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/05/2024**

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| A Name of plan BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP EMPLOYEES 401(K) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN | | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ | 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP | | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-1578842 | |

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
LINCOLN NATIONAL 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 |
| 35-0472300 | 65676 | 896298+087 | 0 | 01/01/2024 | 12/05/2024 |

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 |
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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

| (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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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 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

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. **6d**
 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 ▶

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 ▶ STABLE VALUE

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| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 7333216 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | 85410 |
| | 7c(2) | 0 |
| | 7c(3) | 70268 |
| | 7c(4) | 19 |
| | 7c(5) | 59764 |
| ▶ MAY INCLUDE LOAN REPAYMENTS, FORFEITURES, TAKEOVERS AND/OR ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| (6) Total additions | 7c(6) | 215461 |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 7548677 |
| e Deductions: | | |
| | 7e(1) | 7483068 |
| | 7e(2) | 4459 |
| | 7e(3) | 108 |
| 7e(4) | 61042 | |
| ▶ MAY INCLUDE LOANS ISSUED, FORFEITURES, CORRECTIVES AND/OR ADJUSTMENTS | | |
| (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) | 7548677 |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 0 |

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) | 0 |
| 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) | 0 |
| | (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) | 0 |
| | (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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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-1578842 | |

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 27 | INVESTMENT ADVISOR | 29857 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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| (b) Service Code(s) | (c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 13 | SERVICE PROVIDER | 13336 | 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)

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| | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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

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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.

| | (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) | |
| (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) | |
| (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) | 0 |
| (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) | 0 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)..... | 1c(14) | 0 |
| (15) Other..... | 1c(15) | |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | | |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | | |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | | |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 31241736 | 0 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | | |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | | |
| 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 | 31241736 | 0 |

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) | 727615 | |
| (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) | | 727615 |
| 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) | 2005 | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | 70268 | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 72273 |
| (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) | 59283 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | 59283 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | | |
| (C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result..... | 2b(4)(C) | | |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: | | | |
| (A) Real estate..... | 2b(5)(A) | | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | 1284239 |
| c Other income | 2c | | 1819 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2d | | 2145229 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|---|---------------|----------|----------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers | 2e(1) | 33341280 | |
| (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) | | 33341280 |
| 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) | 13336 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | 2492 | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | 29857 | |
| (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) | | 45685 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total | 2j | | 33386965 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--|-----------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | -31241736 |
| 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: SACCO CPA PLLC

(2) EIN: 87-1275180

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 | | 500000 |
| 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 0.

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 _____.

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| 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. |
|--|---|---|

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/05/2024

| | | |
|--|--|------------|
| A Name of plan <u>BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP EMPLOYEES 401(K) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT 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>BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>13-1578842</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 |
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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): 04-2456637

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.

| | | |
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| 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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q703197A.

**BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP
401(K) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN**

Financial Statements

**For the Period January 1, 2024 to December 5, 2024 and
the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

BUCHBINDER TUNICK & COMPANY LLP
401(K) SAVINGS AND RETIREMENT PLAN
Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
For the Period January 1, 2024 to December 5, 2024 and
the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP
401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) as of December 5, 2024 and December 31, 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the period January 1, 2024 to December 5, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of December 5, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and for the period January 1, 2024 to December 5, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 8 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.
- The information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Plan Termination

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Plan was terminated effective May 31, 2024, and was fully liquidated on December 5, 2024.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances, 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 Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that,

individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP 401(k) Savings and Retirement 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 Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

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.

October 10, 2025
Armonk, New York

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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
(Modified Cash Basis)
December 5, 2024 and December 31, 2023

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|------|---------------|
| Assets | | |
| Investments at fair value | \$ - | \$ 23,825,025 |
| Investment at contract value | - | 7,333,216 |
| Notes receivable from participants | - | 83,495 |
| Total assets | - | 31,241,736 |
| Liabilities | - | - |
| Net assets available for benefits | \$ - | \$ 31,241,736 |

See notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
(Modified Cash Basis)
For the period January 1, 2024 to December 5, 2024 and
For the year ended December 31, 2023

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Additions to net assets attributed to: | | |
| Investment income: | | |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments: | | |
| Mutual funds | \$ 1,284,239 | \$ 2,715,308 |
| Dividend income: | | |
| Group annuity contract | 70,268 | 229,449 |
| Mutual funds | 59,283 | 1,035,229 |
| Other income | 1,819 | - |
| | 1,415,609 | 3,979,986 |
| Less: investment expense | 29,857 | 34,777 |
| Net investment income | 1,385,752 | 3,945,209 |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants | 2,005 | 3,705 |
| Contributions: | | |
| Employer | 727,615 | 697,501 |
| Employee | - | 1,289,036 |
| Rollover contributions | - | 124,691 |
| | 727,615 | 2,111,228 |
| Total contributions | 727,615 | 2,111,228 |
| Total additions | 2,115,372 | 6,060,142 |
| Deductions from net assets attributed to: | | |
| Benefits paid to participants | 33,341,280 | 5,480,349 |
| Administrative expenses | 15,828 | 22,719 |
| | 33,357,108 | 5,503,068 |
| Total deductions | 33,357,108 | 5,503,068 |
| Net (decrease) increase | (31,241,736) | 557,074 |
| Net assets available for benefits: | | |
| Beginning of year | 31,241,736 | 30,684,662 |
| End of year | \$ - | \$ 31,241,736 |

See notes to financial statements.

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Note 1 - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP 401(k) Savings and Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Plan Termination

The Plan was terminated effective May 31, 2024, and was fully liquidated on December 5, 2024.

As part of the Plan termination, the right of all participants to the amounts credited to their accounts as of the date of such termination became non-forfeitable.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP (the "Company"). All full-time employees are eligible for participation in the Plan upon their date of employment. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

On December 6, 2016, the plan sponsor amended the Plan document, effective January 1, 2017, to include a Safe Harbor Provision to the plan that provides for the company to contribute 3% of compensation for all employees. The Company believes that this provision under the plan amendment is in compliance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 401 and 415.

Plan Amendments:

During 2022 the Plan was amended to adopt the provisions of the *Bipartisan American Miners Act of 2019* ("Miners Act") (b) *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021* ("CAA") (c) *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* ("CARES Act") (d) *COVID-Related Tax Relief Act of 2020* ("CRTRA") (e) *Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019* ("SECURE Act") (f) *Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2019* ("Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2019") (g) *Taxpayer Certainty and Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020* ("Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020").

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Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Among the changes to the Plan, the amendments allowed a penalty -free distribution through December 30, 2020 and suspended outstanding scheduled loan payments until 2021, increased the maximum loan limit for loans taken as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") through September 22, 2020, and suspended required minimum distributions for the 2020 calendar year, including 2020 payments that would have been required to be made by April 1, 2021, unless elected otherwise. The Plan was formally amended effective May 1, 2022.

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("Cares Act") was passed. Plans were permitted to adopt these provisions immediately, provided the Plan document is retroactively amended on or before December 31, 2022

This amendment provided for the following:

- Eligible participants may receive up to \$100,000 for withdrawals before December 31, 2020.
- 10% penalty tax for early withdrawal is waived and the 20% mandatory withholding [402(f)] is not required. A 10% federal withholding applies unless the Impacted Participant elects to opt out.

The amount for withdrawal will be included in the Participant's taxable income over a three-year period, unless the participant elects to have it taxed in the year of distribution. Repayment of the withdrawal is permitted if it occurs within three years of distribution. There is no limit to the number of such withdrawals.

The amendments to the Plan also included revisions to the Hardship withdrawal provision of the plan. The Plan adopted The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. The two significant changes with this new law are that the Plan no longer requires a participant to take a loan prior to requesting a hardship withdrawal and no longer requires a suspension of employee contributions after receipt of a hardship withdrawal.

Contributions

Under the 401(k) feature of the Plan, each year an eligible employee is able to contribute a specified percentage of their total compensation (as defined). Contributions are subject to annual dollar limitations as imposed by the Internal

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Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

Revenue Code which were \$23,000 and \$22,500 for 2024 and 2023, respectively. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions of up to \$7,500 for 2024 and 2023. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover contribution). Rollover contributions for 2024 and 2023, were \$ -0- and \$124,691, respectively. Roth deferrals are permitted. Participants direct the investment of their contribution into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers numerous mutual funds, a group annuity contract and a self-directed account as investment options for participants.

The Company, at its discretion, may make discretionary contributions. The Company's discretionary contribution will be computed and deposited on an annual basis and will be determined during the first quarter of the following year. The Company's contribution is based upon the employee group in which the participant is included. The participant must be employed with the Company as of the last day of the Plan year and meet the minimum hours of service condition. For 2023 and 2022, the contribution for non-partners was at 3% of eligible wages. For Plan year 2023, the employer contribution amounted to \$727,615 and was transferred to the Plan on May 14, 2024 (which is net of forfeitures applied of \$606). For Plan year 2022, the contribution amounted to \$697,501 and was transferred to the Plan on August 9, 2023 (which is net of forfeitures applied of \$5,979).

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, and at the Company's discretion an employer contribution, as well as an allocation of plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

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Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Participants shall be vested in matching employer contributions and any discretionary employer contributions allocated based on their years of service in accordance with the following schedule:

| <u>Years of Service</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Less than 2 years | 0 |
| More than 2 years, but less than 3 | 25 |
| More than 3 years, but less than 4 | 50 |
| More than 4 years, but less than 5 | 75 |
| 5 years or more | 100 |

A year of service is a plan year in which a participant completes at least 1,000 hours of service.

Hardship Withdrawals

The plan provides for hardship withdrawals, not to exceed an amount required to meet the immediate need created by the hardship, and then only to the extent such immediate need cannot be satisfied by other sources readily available to the participant. Permissible circumstances for hardship withdrawals include education expenses, costs directly related to the purchase of a principal residence, and costs necessary to prevent eviction from the participant's personal residence, and such other circumstances as the plan administrator may determine based on rules set for the in the Internal Revenue Service regulations.

The Plan adopted The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. The two significant changes with this new law are that the Plan no longer requires a participant to take a loan prior to requesting a hardship withdrawal and no longer requires a suspension of employee contributions after receipt of a hardship withdrawal.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may obtain loans secured by their account value. Loans made are limited to one-half of the vested balance in the account, but not less than \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000. The interest rate charged is the prime rate, plus 2.00%.

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Note 1 - Description of the Plan (Continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants (Continued)

This rate is fixed at the time the loan is originated. Actual interest rates on loans ranged from 4.25% to 9.50% during the period ending December 5, 2024. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions over the term of the note.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or annual installments in the form of an annuity payment. For termination of services for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump sum distribution.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited balances of terminated participants' nonvested accounts are used to reduce the Plan's administrative expenses or future Company matching contributions as further defined by the Plan. The amount of forfeitures used to pay administrative expenses were \$2,492 and \$ -0- for the period January 1, 2024 to December 5, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023, respectively. The amount of forfeitures used to reduce Company contributions were \$606 and \$5,979 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. The forfeiture balance as of December 31, 2023 totaled \$600.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The Plan prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting. Under this method contributions and related investment income are recorded when received rather than when earned, and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the related obligation is incurred. The Plan's management has determined that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of its financial statements in the circumstances.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting 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. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are held in trust funds maintained by Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. The Plan's investments are stated at fair value (except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value). 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. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, custodians, and insurance company. See note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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 (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as a distribution based upon the terms of the plan document.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Operating Expenses

Plan administrative expenses are paid out of the participants' accounts unless the Company elects to pay such expenses. In 2024 and 2023, certain plan expenses of \$13,336 and \$22,719, respectively, were paid by the plan participants to Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events and transactions through October 10, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Group Annuity Contract

Lincoln NY Stable Value Account

The Plan has an investment contract with Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. ("Lincoln"), which is a traditional investment contract. The contract met the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore was reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for a fully benefit-responsive investment contract because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Lincoln maintains the contributions in a general account. The respective general account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

The key difference between a synthetic investment contract and a traditional investment contract is that the Plan owns the underlying assets of the synthetic investment contract. A synthetic investment contract includes a wrapper contract, which is an agreement for the wrap issuer, such as a bank or insurance company, to make payments to the Plan in certain circumstances.

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Note 3 - Group Annuity Contract (Continued)

Lincoln NY Stable Value Account (Continued)

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer was contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that was guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than the specified 1.00%. The crediting rate is reviewed at least as frequently as annually for resetting and was 2.25% during the period January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. The crediting rate was 2.90% for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Beginning July 1, 2024 through December 5, 2024, the crediting rate was 2.85%. The contract may be terminated before the scheduled maturity date. Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that would also limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract.

The Plan administrator may terminate this contract at any time by giving notice of such termination at least 90 days in advance of termination date and electing one of the payment options in the contract.

Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") *Accounting Standards Codification* ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. It defines fair value as an exit price, which is the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the Plan's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

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Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The fair value hierarchy generally requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the entity's own assumptions based on market data and the entity's judgments about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, and are to be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The Plan determines the fair market value of its investment in securities based on the established fair value definition and hierarchy levels. The three levels within its hierarchy that may be used to measure fair value are:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable inputs, including Level 1 prices that have been adjusted; quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are less active than traded exchanges; and other inputs that are observable or can be substantially corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are a significant component of the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The lowest level of input that is a significant component of the fair value measurements determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy. The Plan's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the classification of fair value assets and liabilities within the fair value hierarchy levels.

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 at December 31, 2023.

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Note 4 - Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Mutual funds:

Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of the shares held by the Plan at year end. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

The preceding valuation methods may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes 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, the Plan's assets that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2023:

| | <u>Total Fair Value</u> | <u>Quoted Prices (Level 1)</u> | <u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u> | <u>Significant Other Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023: | | | | |
| Mutual funds | \$ 23,825,025 | \$ 23,825,025 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total investments | <u>\$ 23,825,025</u> | <u>\$ 23,825,025</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

The investment in group annuity contract is reported at contract value, and accordingly, is not included in the above table.

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Note 5 - Related Party and Party-in-interest Transactions

Certain plan investments were managed by Lincoln Retirement Services Company, LLC ("Retirement") and held by Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. ("Financial"). Retirement and Financial are the trustees as defined by the Plan, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Note 6 - Tax Status

The Plan has obtained its latest determination letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

- On March 20, 2020, the Plan adopted the Lincoln Retirement Services Company LLC's *Non-Standardized 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan*. Under this Plan, Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. became the Trustee of the Plan, effective March 31, 2020.
- On March 20, 2020, the Company adopted the Lincoln Retirement Services Company LLC's *Non-Standardized 401(K) Profit Sharing Plan*. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined in its latest opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, that the pre-approved plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been restated since receiving the determination letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the financial statements.

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Note 6 - Tax Status (Continued)

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 5, 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. Employee benefit plans are subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

Note 7 - Investments Certified by the Plan's Trustee (Unaudited)

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator has obtained certifications from Lincoln Financial Group Trust Company, Inc. for the period January 1, 2024 to December 5, 2024 and the year ended December 31, 2023, that the unaudited information as of December 31, 2023, pertaining to the following data included in the accompanying financial statements, is complete and accurate.

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Investments, at fair value: | | |
| Mutual funds | \$ - | \$ 23,825,025 |
| Investment at contract value: | | |
| Group annuity contract | - | <u>7,333,216</u> |
| Total investments | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 31,158,241</u> |
| Receivables: | | |
| Notes receivable from participants | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 83,495</u> |
| Total receivables | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 83,495</u> |

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Note 7 -Investments Certified by the Plan's Trustee (Unaudited)(Continued)

| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Investment income: | | |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments: | | |
| Mutual funds | \$ 1,284,239 | \$ 2,715,308 |
| Dividend income: | | |
| Group annuity contract | 70,268 | 229,449 |
| Mutual funds | <u>59,283</u> | <u>1,035,229</u> |
| Investment income | <u>\$ 1,413,790</u> | <u>\$ 3,979,986</u> |
| Interest income on notes receivable from participants, net | <u>\$ 2,005</u> | <u>\$ 3,705</u> |

The Plan's independent auditor did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

Note 8 - Risks and Uncertainties

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