

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security  
Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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

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

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1210-0089

2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/1989
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): STS OPERATING, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 38-2839897
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 630-317-2723
2d Business code (see instructions): 423800

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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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	155
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	118
	<b>6a(2)</b>	114
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	45
	<b>6d</b>	159
	<b>6e</b>	1
	<b>6f</b>	160
	<b>6g(1)</b>	148
	<b>6g(2)</b>	155
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	8

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2S 3D 3H 2D

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><b>001</b></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>STS OPERATING, INC.</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>38-2839897</b></p>	

**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  
**MASSMUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.**

(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
04-1590850	65935	762457-02	34	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

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

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid	<b>(b)</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
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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

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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.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	4275854

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

<b>b</b> Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>	

**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 ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

**b** Balance at the end of the previous year ..... **7b** 5590

<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	0
	<b>7c(2)</b>	0
	<b>7c(3)</b>	90
	<b>7c(4)</b>	0
	<b>7c(5)</b>	4449
▶ <b>LOAN PAYMENTS</b>		

(6) Total additions ..... **7c(6)** 4539

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) ..... **7d** 10129

<b>e</b> Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	<b>7e(1)</b>	0
	<b>7e(2)</b>	0
	<b>7e(3)</b>	10129
	<b>7e(4)</b>	
▶		

(5) Total deductions ..... **7e(5)** 10129

**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:

<b>a</b>	Premiums: (1) Amount received .....	<b>9a(1)</b>			
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....	<b>9a(2)</b>			
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....	<b>9a(3)</b>			
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) .....		<b>9a(4)</b>		0
<b>b</b>	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid .....	<b>9b(1)</b>			
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....	<b>9b(2)</b>			
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) .....		<b>9b(3)</b>		0
	(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>		
<b>c</b>	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
	(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>			
	(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>			
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs .....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>			
	(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>			
	(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>			
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>			
	(G) Other retention charges .....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>			
	(H) Total retention .....		<b>9c(1)(H)</b>		0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....		<b>9c(2)</b>		
<b>d</b>	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....		<b>9d(1)</b>		
	(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>		
	(3) Other reserves .....		<b>9d(3)</b>		
<b>e</b>	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....		<b>9e</b>		

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>			
<b>b</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. ....	<b>10b</b>			

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. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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**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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CHICAGO, IL 60694

(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?
10	NONE	12700	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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PO BOX 198928  
PAYMENT SERVICES-RPCS  
NASHVILLE, TN 37238

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	NONE	12000	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?
64 15 50 37	NONE	2526	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation

<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation

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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>STS OPERATING, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>38-2839897</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2045 TRUST</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>32-6199848-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1617642</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2050 TRUST</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>30-6303214-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1316792</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2035 TRUST</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>36-7595013-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1346102</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PUTNAM STABLE VALUE FUND</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PUTNAM INVESTMENTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>04-3159710-202</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>2044253</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2010 TRUST</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>32-6199795-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>171063</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2040 TRUST</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>35-6941729-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1241670</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2055 TRUST</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>35-6941728-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>231550</u>

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2065 TR A		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 85-1763138-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 22901
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2020 TRUST		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 36-7594871-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 312197
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2025 TRUST		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 37-6495447-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 518324
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2060 TRUST		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 47-1088316-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 127999
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T. ROWE PRICE RETIREMENT 2030 TRUST		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE COLLECTIVE TRUSTS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-7010946-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1411695
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MASSMUTUAL MID CAP GROWTH I		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSMUTUAL		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-0342299-000	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 135112
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: DODGE AND COX INCOME - I		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): DODGE AND COX		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-0779283-000	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 296632
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LOOMIS SAYLES STRATEGIC INCOME A		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): LOOMIS SAYLES FUNDS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-0342299-000	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PIMCO INCOME INSTL		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PIMCO		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-0779283-000	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 22989
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MFS INTERNATIONAL INTRINSIC VALUE R		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MFS		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-0342299-000	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>NORTHERN SMALL CAP VALUE</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>NORTHERN FUNDS</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>90-0779283-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>247823</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>PIMCO STOCKSPPLUS R</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>PIMCO</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>90-0342299-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>FIDELITY 500 INDEX</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>FIDELITY INVESTMENTS</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>90-0779283-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>2724577</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>AMERICAN FUNDS AMERICAN BALANCED R2</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>AMERICAN FUNDS</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>04-1590850-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>MASSMUTUAL DISCIPLINED GR A</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MASSMUTUAL</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>04-1590850-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>FRANKLIN SMALL CAP GROWTH R6</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>90-0779283-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>260896</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>JPMORGAN EQUITY INCOME R6</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>JPMORGAN</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>90-0779283-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>335481</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>MFS INTERNATIONAL INTRINSIC VALUE R</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MFS</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>90-0779283-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>252344</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>AMERICAN CENTURY MID CAP VALUE A</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENTS</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>90-0779283-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <b>MASSMUTUAL MID CAP GROWTH ADM</b>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <b>MASSMUTUAL</b>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <b>04-1590850-000</b>	<b>d</b> Entity code <b>P</b>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <b>0</b>

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PGIM GLOBAL REAL ESTATE A

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PGIM INVESTMENTS

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-0779283-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MASSMUTUAL CORE BOND ADM

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): MASSMUTUAL

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 04-1590850-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FRANKLIN SMALL CAP GROWTH A

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-0779283-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN FUNDS NEW WORLD R2

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): AMERICAN FUNDS

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 90-0342299-000	<b>d</b> Entity code P	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	0
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>STS OPERATING, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>38-2839897</b>

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	203215	221643
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	2245038	10362187
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	2328379	4275854
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	8653657	983366
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	5590	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	13435879	15843050
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	13435879	15843050

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	305205	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	699376	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	5233	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	1009814
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	0	18236
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	18236	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	0	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		18236
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	82174
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	82174	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		82174
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)	-251583
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)	241078
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)	0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	2b(9)	0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)	1616016
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c	12000
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d	2727735

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	290529
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	2e(2)	0
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....	2e(4)	290529
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f	1279
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g	1531
<b>h</b> Interest expense.....	2h	0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	0
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	2525
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	12700
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	12000
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)	0
(7) Actuarial fees .....	2i(7)	0
(8) Legal fees .....	2i(8)	0
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	2i(9)	0
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	2i(10)	0
(11) Other expenses.....	2i(11)	0
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)	27225
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j	320564

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k	2407171
<b>l</b> 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: **SIKICH CPA LLC**

(2) EIN: **54-1172176**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 401(K) PROFIT SHARING PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>STS OPERATING, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>38-2839897</u>	

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

**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): 20-3691708

**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..... 

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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**4** Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....  Yes  No  N/A  
**If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 11 / 14 / 2022 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702518A.



**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Retirement Plan Committee  
and Plan Administrator of Paragon  
Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

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

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

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### **Opinion**

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- The information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

### **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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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



Naperville, Illinois  
October 13, 2025

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments at fair value	\$ 15,621,407	\$ 13,227,074
Investment at contract value	-	5,590
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Total investments	15,621,407	13,232,664
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	221,643	203,215
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Total assets	15,843,050	13,435,879
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
None	-	-
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<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u>\$ 15,843,050</u>	<u>\$ 13,435,879</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
<b>ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO</b>		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,542,403	\$ 1,292,735
Interest and dividends	151,662	452,970
Total investment income	1,694,065	1,745,705
Interest on notes receivable from participants	18,236	24,552
Contributions		
Employee	699,376	703,177
Rollover	5,233	32,000
Employer	305,205	332,658
Total contributions	1,009,814	1,067,835
Total additions	2,722,115	2,838,092
<b>DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	287,719	1,140,911
Administrative expenses	27,225	30,794
Total deductions	314,944	1,171,705
NET INCREASE	2,407,171	1,666,387
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	13,435,879	11,769,492
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR	\$ 15,843,050	\$ 13,435,879

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of Paragon Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Paragon Technologies, Inc. (the Company) who have 60 days of service and are age 18 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 50% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants are permitted to designate a portion or all of their deferral contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. The Plan also includes an auto-escalation provision whereby all participants' deferral rates are increased by 1% annually until their rate reaches 5%.

The Company may elect to make discretionary matching and/or nonelective contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company matched 50% of employee contributions up to 15% of eligible compensation as defined in the plan document. The Company made no nonelective contributions for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations as mandated by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Investment Options

Participants may direct all their contributions among one or more funds subject to the allocation limitations set forth in the Plan. Changes in the allocation of future contributions and transfers among funds of presently invested contributions are permitted pursuant to the Plan's provisions.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions and (b) plan earnings (losses), and charged with the participant's benefit payments and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings (losses), account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching contribution portion and the discretionary nonelective portion of their accounts is based on the following table:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	0%
2	25%
3	50%
4	75%
5	100%

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to the maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, less defaulted loans (if any). Participants can have only two loan outstanding at any time. The loans are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts and bear interest at rates that range from 4.25% to 9.50%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. The term of the loan may not exceed five years or no more than ten years if the loan proceeds will be used to acquire the principal residence of the participant. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. A participant that terminates employment whose account balance is less than \$5,000 will receive a distribution of their vested aggregate account balance without the consent of the participant. If the distribution is less than \$1,000 the distribution will be made in the form of lump sum cash. If the distribution is greater than \$1,000, but less than \$5,000, the Plan will pay the distribution in an automatic direct rollover to an individual retirement account (IRA). In-service withdrawals of all or a portion of the participant's vested account balance are also permitted upon the participant's attainment of age 59½. Under certain conditions, participants may receive a hardship distribution if certain criteria is met.

Forfeited Accounts

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$2,140 and \$19,694, respectively. These amounts will be used in accordance with the applicable plan provisions. During the plan years 2024 and 2023, forfeitures of \$35,195 and \$0, respectively, were used to reduce the Company's contributions. Additionally, during the plan years 2024 and 2023, forfeitures of \$2,947 and \$0, respectively, were used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounting

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

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to the fully benefit-responsive investment contract because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and 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.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

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 Retirement Plan Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodian, and trustee. 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 and 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 less amounts defaulted (if any). Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Loan administration and distribution fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. The Plan also pays certain investment advisory and plan administration fees from plan assets. Certain investment-related expenses are included in the net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments.

Recent Accounting and Regulatory Pronouncements

The SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 was signed into law on December 29, 2022. This legislation includes a vast array of provisional changes to retirement plans, becoming effective in 2023 and beyond. Plan management adopted mandatory provisions effective for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. Plan management continues to evaluate the impact of the optional provisions of SECURE 2.0 and awaiting additional regulatory guidance from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Department of Labor (DOL). The application of SECURE 2.0 Act did not have a material effect on the Plan's financial statements for the plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The Plan will be amended to reflect any changes made in response to SECURE 2.0 prior to the deadline set by law or applicable regulations.

### **3. FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT**

The Plan entered into a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America. The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the contract value of the fully benefit-responsive investment contract was \$0 and \$5,590, respectively. The contract was closed as of December 31, 2024.

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contract is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or a merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The plan administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and with participants are probable of occurring.

In addition, certain events allow the contract issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from the contract value. Such events include the following: (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of a material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, or (4) a material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the contract issuer.

#### **4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 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 at the measurement date.

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

- a. Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets,
- b. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets,
- c. Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability,
- d. Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

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

#### **4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

*Pooled separate accounts:* Investments in units of pooled separate accounts held with an insurance company are stated at estimated fair market value and are valued by the insurance company based on the net asset value (NAV) of units held by the Plan at year end. The NAV is determined by the insurance company based on the market value of the underlying investments held in the pooled fund. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions.

*Collective trusts:* Investments are valued using the NAV provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of units outstanding. The NAV is classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy, because the NAV's unit price is quoted on a private market that is not active. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure the securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Stable value collective trust:* A stable value fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that is valued at the net asset value of units of the bank collective trust. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months' notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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 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.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 4,275,854	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,275,854
Collective trusts	8,317,934	-	-	8,317,934
Mutual funds	983,366	-	-	983,366
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,577,154</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Investments measured at net asset value <sup>(a)</sup>				<u>2,044,253</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE</b>				<u><b>\$ 15,621,407</b></u>

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 2,328,379	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,328,379
Mutual funds	8,653,657	-	-	8,653,657
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,982,036</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Investments measured at net asset value <sup>(a)</sup>				<u>2,245,038</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE</b>				<u><b>\$ 13,227,074</b></u>

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

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient

The following table presents the fair value, unfunded commitments, participant redemption frequency, and participant redemption notice period for plan investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Investment	Fair Value		Unfunded Commitment		Participant Redemption Frequency	Participant Redemption Notice Period
	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Putnam Stable Value Fund	\$ 2,044,253	\$ 2,245,038	\$ -	\$ -	Immediate	None

**5. CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The financial data included in the accompanying financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, has been certified as complete and accurate by Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, qualified institutions, and has not been audited by the independent auditors for the Plan: investments at fair value, investment at contract value, notes receivable from participants, interest and dividends, interest on notes receivable from participants, and net appreciation in fair value of investments.

**6. PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

**7. TAX STATUS**

The Company adopted a non-standardized pre-approved plan document, which received an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the IRS stated that the non-standardized pre-approved plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not received a determination letter specific to the Plan itself and has been amended since adopting the non-standardized pre-approved plan document; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

US GAAP requires 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 IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**8. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are managed by affiliates of Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America or Empower Trust Company LLC, the custodian and trustee, respectively; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund. Certain administrative expenses were paid by the Plan or the Company. The Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balance in the participants' accounts. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

In addition, the Company is eligible for expense reduction credits from the custodian. Total amounts received from the custodian and used to offset expenses during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$12,000 and \$12,000, respectively.

**9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in various 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 value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 13, 2025, which was the date that these financial statements were available for issuance and determined that there were no significant nonrecognized subsequent events through that date.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, ITEM 4i

EIN: 38-2839897      PLAN: #001

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
<b>Pooled Separate Accounts</b>				
*	Mass Mutual	MassMutual Mid Cap Growth Admiral	**	\$ 135,112
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox Income Fund - I	**	296,632
	Pacific Investment Management Company	PIMCO Income Institutional	**	22,989
	Northern Funds	Northern Small Cap Value	**	247,823
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index	**	2,724,577
	Franklin Templeton Investments	Franklin Small Cap Growth A	**	260,896
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Equity Income R6	**	335,481
	MFS	MFS International Intrinsic Value R6	**	252,344
	Total pooled separate accounts			<u>4,275,854</u>
<b>Collective trusts</b>				
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Trust A	**	171,063
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Trust A	**	312,197
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Trust A	**	518,324
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Trust A	**	1,411,695
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Trust A	**	1,346,102
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Trust A	**	1,241,670
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Trust A	**	1,617,642
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Trust A	**	1,316,792
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Trust A	**	231,550
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Trust A	**	127,999
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2065 Trust A	**	22,900
	Total collective trusts			<u>8,317,934</u>
<b>Stable Value Collective Trust</b>				
	Putnam	Putnam Stable Value Fund	**	2,044,253
	Total stable value collective trust			<u>2,044,253</u>
<b>Mutual Funds</b>				
	Alliance Bernstein	AB Large Cap Growth Z	**	357,600
	Capital Group American Funds	American Century Mid Cap Value R6	**	340,107
	Capital Group American Funds	American Balanced R6	**	122,832
	Capital Group American Funds	American Funds New World R6	**	88,361
	Prudential Investment Management	PGIM Global Real Estate R6	**	74,466
	Total mutual funds			<u>983,366</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b>				15,621,407
*	Participant loans	Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50%	- 0 -	<u>221,643</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER 5500</b>				<u>\$ 15,843,050</u>

\*Denotes a party-in-interest to the Plan.

\*\*Cost information not required for participant-directed investments.



**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Retirement Plan Committee  
and Plan Administrator of Paragon  
Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

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

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

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

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### **Opinion**

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- The information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

### **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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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



Naperville, Illinois  
October 13, 2025

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments at fair value	\$ 15,621,407	\$ 13,227,074
Investment at contract value	-	5,590
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Total investments	15,621,407	13,232,664
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	221,643	203,215
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Total assets	15,843,050	13,435,879
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
None	-	-
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<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<u>\$ 15,843,050</u>	<u>\$ 13,435,879</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
<b>ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO</b>		
Investment income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 1,542,403	\$ 1,292,735
Interest and dividends	151,662	452,970
Total investment income	1,694,065	1,745,705
Interest on notes receivable from participants	18,236	24,552
Contributions		
Employee	699,376	703,177
Rollover	5,233	32,000
Employer	305,205	332,658
Total contributions	1,009,814	1,067,835
Total additions	2,722,115	2,838,092
<b>DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	287,719	1,140,911
Administrative expenses	27,225	30,794
Total deductions	314,944	1,171,705
NET INCREASE	2,407,171	1,666,387
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	13,435,879	11,769,492
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR	\$ 15,843,050	\$ 13,435,879

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of Paragon Technologies, Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Paragon Technologies, Inc. (the Company) who have 60 days of service and are age 18 or older. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute up to 50% of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants are permitted to designate a portion or all of their deferral contributions as Roth 401(k) contributions. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Plan includes an auto-enrollment provision whereby all newly eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan unless they affirmatively elect not to participate in the Plan. Automatically enrolled participants have their deferral rate set at 3% of eligible compensation and their contributions invested in a designated balanced fund until changed by the participant. The Plan also includes an auto-escalation provision whereby all participants' deferral rates are increased by 1% annually until their rate reaches 5%.

The Company may elect to make discretionary matching and/or nonelective contributions. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company matched 50% of employee contributions up to 15% of eligible compensation as defined in the plan document. The Company made no nonelective contributions for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations as mandated by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Investment Options

Participants may direct all their contributions among one or more funds subject to the allocation limitations set forth in the Plan. Changes in the allocation of future contributions and transfers among funds of presently invested contributions are permitted pursuant to the Plan's provisions.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions and (b) plan earnings (losses), and charged with the participant's benefit payments and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings (losses), account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary matching contribution portion and the discretionary nonelective portion of their accounts is based on the following table:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	0%
2	25%
3	50%
4	75%
5	100%

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to the maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, less defaulted loans (if any). Participants can have only two loan outstanding at any time. The loans are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts and bear interest at rates that range from 4.25% to 9.50%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator. The term of the loan may not exceed five years or no more than ten years if the loan proceeds will be used to acquire the principal residence of the participant. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. A participant that terminates employment whose account balance is less than \$5,000 will receive a distribution of their vested aggregate account balance without the consent of the participant. If the distribution is less than \$1,000 the distribution will be made in the form of lump sum cash. If the distribution is greater than \$1,000, but less than \$5,000, the Plan will pay the distribution in an automatic direct rollover to an individual retirement account (IRA). In-service withdrawals of all or a portion of the participant's vested account balance are also permitted upon the participant's attainment of age 59½. Under certain conditions, participants may receive a hardship distribution if certain criteria is met.

Forfeited Accounts

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$2,140 and \$19,694, respectively. These amounts will be used in accordance with the applicable plan provisions. During the plan years 2024 and 2023, forfeitures of \$35,195 and \$0, respectively, were used to reduce the Company's contributions. Additionally, during the plan years 2024 and 2023, forfeitures of \$2,947 and \$0, respectively, were used to pay administrative expenses of the Plan.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Accounting

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

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to the fully benefit-responsive investment contract because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP) and 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.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

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 Retirement Plan Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodian, and trustee. 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 and 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 less amounts defaulted (if any). Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Loan administration and distribution fees are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. The Plan also pays certain investment advisory and plan administration fees from plan assets. Certain investment-related expenses are included in the net appreciation (depreciation) of fair value of investments.

Recent Accounting and Regulatory Pronouncements

The SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 was signed into law on December 29, 2022. This legislation includes a vast array of provisional changes to retirement plans, becoming effective in 2023 and beyond. Plan management adopted mandatory provisions effective for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. Plan management continues to evaluate the impact of the optional provisions of SECURE 2.0 and awaiting additional regulatory guidance from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Department of Labor (DOL). The application of SECURE 2.0 Act did not have a material effect on the Plan's financial statements for the plan years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The Plan will be amended to reflect any changes made in response to SECURE 2.0 prior to the deadline set by law or applicable regulations.

### **3. FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT**

The Plan entered into a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America. The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the contract value of the fully benefit-responsive investment contract was \$0 and \$5,590, respectively. The contract was closed as of December 31, 2024.

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contract is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or a merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The plan administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and with participants are probable of occurring.

In addition, certain events allow the contract issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from the contract value. Such events include the following: (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of a material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, or (4) a material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the contract issuer.

#### **4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 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 at the measurement date.

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

- a. Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets,
- b. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets,
- c. Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability,
- d. Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

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

**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

*Pooled separate accounts:* Investments in units of pooled separate accounts held with an insurance company are stated at estimated fair market value and are valued by the insurance company based on the net asset value (NAV) of units held by the Plan at year end. The NAV is determined by the insurance company based on the market value of the underlying investments held in the pooled fund. The NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions.

*Collective trusts:* Investments are valued using the NAV provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of units outstanding. The NAV is classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy, because the NAV's unit price is quoted on a private market that is not active. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the investment adviser reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure the securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

*Mutual funds:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-ended mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

*Stable value collective trust:* A stable value fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that is valued at the net asset value of units of the bank collective trust. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months' notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

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 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.

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 4,275,854	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,275,854
Collective trusts	8,317,934	-	-	8,317,934
Mutual funds	983,366	-	-	983,366
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,577,154</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Investments measured at net asset value <sup>(a)</sup>				<u>2,044,253</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE</b>				<u><b>\$ 15,621,407</b></u>

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 2,328,379	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,328,379
Mutual funds	8,653,657	-	-	8,653,657
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,982,036</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
Investments measured at net asset value <sup>(a)</sup>				<u>2,245,038</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE</b>				<u><b>\$ 13,227,074</b></u>

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

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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**4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient

The following table presents the fair value, unfunded commitments, participant redemption frequency, and participant redemption notice period for plan investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

Investment	Fair Value		Unfunded Commitment		Participant Redemption Frequency	Participant Redemption Notice Period
	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Putnam Stable Value Fund	\$ 2,044,253	\$ 2,245,038	\$ -	\$ -	Immediate	None

**5. CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The financial data included in the accompanying financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, has been certified as complete and accurate by Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America, qualified institutions, and has not been audited by the independent auditors for the Plan: investments at fair value, investment at contract value, notes receivable from participants, interest and dividends, interest on notes receivable from participants, and net appreciation in fair value of investments.

**6. PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the Company may determine.

**7. TAX STATUS**

The Company adopted a non-standardized pre-approved plan document, which received an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the IRS stated that the non-standardized pre-approved plan document was in compliance with applicable requirements of the IRC. The Plan has not received a determination letter specific to the Plan itself and has been amended since adopting the non-standardized pre-approved plan document; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

US GAAP requires 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 IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**8. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are managed by affiliates of Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America or Empower Trust Company LLC, the custodian and trustee, respectively; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund. Certain administrative expenses were paid by the Plan or the Company. The Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balance in the participants' accounts. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest. Employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan for which no fees are charged.

In addition, the Company is eligible for expense reduction credits from the custodian. Total amounts received from the custodian and used to offset expenses during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$12,000 and \$12,000, respectively.

**9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in various 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 value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 13, 2025, which was the date that these financial statements were available for issuance and determined that there were no significant nonrecognized subsequent events through that date.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**PARAGON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING PLAN**

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)  
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, ITEM 4i

EIN: 38-2839897      PLAN: #001

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
<b>Pooled Separate Accounts</b>				
*	Mass Mutual	MassMutual Mid Cap Growth Admiral	**	\$ 135,112
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox Income Fund - I	**	296,632
	Pacific Investment Management Company	PIMCO Income Institutional	**	22,989
	Northern Funds	Northern Small Cap Value	**	247,823
	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity 500 Index	**	2,724,577
	Franklin Templeton Investments	Franklin Small Cap Growth A	**	260,896
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Equity Income R6	**	335,481
	MFS	MFS International Intrinsic Value R6	**	252,344
	Total pooled separate accounts			<u>4,275,854</u>
<b>Collective trusts</b>				
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Trust A	**	171,063
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Trust A	**	312,197
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Trust A	**	518,324
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Trust A	**	1,411,695
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Trust A	**	1,346,102
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Trust A	**	1,241,670
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Trust A	**	1,617,642
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Trust A	**	1,316,792
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Trust A	**	231,550
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Trust A	**	127,999
	T.Rowe Price	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2065 Trust A	**	22,900
	Total collective trusts			<u>8,317,934</u>
<b>Stable Value Collective Trust</b>				
	Putnam	Putnam Stable Value Fund	**	2,044,253
	Total stable value collective trust			<u>2,044,253</u>
<b>Mutual Funds</b>				
	Alliance Bernstein	AB Large Cap Growth Z	**	357,600
	Capital Group American Funds	American Century Mid Cap Value R6	**	340,107
	Capital Group American Funds	American Balanced R6	**	122,832
	Capital Group American Funds	American Funds New World R6	**	88,361
	Prudential Investment Management	PGIM Global Real Estate R6	**	74,466
	Total mutual funds			<u>983,366</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b>				15,621,407
*	Participant loans	Interest rates from 4.25% to 9.50%	- 0 -	<u>221,643</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS PER 5500</b>				<u>\$ 15,843,050</u>

\*Denotes a party-in-interest to the Plan.

\*\*Cost information not required for participant-directed investments.