

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

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES 403 (B) DC PLAN</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1536 WYNKOOP ST STE 410</u> <u>DENVER, CO 80202-1375</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>09/01/1966</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>31-0722194</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>303-299-3600</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>611000</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2025	ANTIONETTE GARCIA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2025	ANTIONETTE GARCIA
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	172
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1)	35
	6a(2)	35
	6b	0
	6c	124
	6d	159
	6e	2
	6f	161
	6g(1)	145
	6g(2)	134
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

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

<p>A Name of plan EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES 403 (B) DC PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>001</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-0722194</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
TIAA-CREF

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-1624203	69345	346088	140	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.

<p>(a) Total amount of commissions paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>	<p>(b) Total amount of fees paid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0</p>
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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.	
4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	6957716
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	7682555
6	Contracts With Allocated Funds:	
a	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d
e	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
f	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)	
a	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b 7307664
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3) 326402
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4) 855818
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7c(5)
	(6) Total additions	7c(6) 1182220
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d 8489884
e	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1) 569283
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3) 941655
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7e(4) 21231
(5) Total deductions	7e(5) 1532169	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f 6957715

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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

A Name of plan EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES 403 (B) DC PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-0722194	

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)

(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?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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)

(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?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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)

(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?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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

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d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>31-0722194</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>TIAA REAL ESTATE</u>		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TIAA-CREF</u>		
c EIN-PN <u>13-1624203-004</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>135925</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024	
A Name of plan EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES 403 (B) DC PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 31-0722194

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	193280	135925
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	7234695	7546631
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	7307664	6957716
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	14735639	14640272
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	14735639	14640272

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	0	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	0	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	0	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		0
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	0	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	326402	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		326402
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		-7652
(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)		1193030
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1511780

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1519463	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	87279	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1606742
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	0	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1606742

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-94962
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		20826
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		21231

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: **KUNDINGER, CORDER, & MONTOYA, P.C.**

(2) EIN: **82-1255164**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? Yes No
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year 0.

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)
EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES 403(B) PLAN	31-0722199	002

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

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

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

A Name of plan <u>EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES 403 (B) DC PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>31-0722194</u>	

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): _____		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	56

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 03 / 31 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500451A.

Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan
Financial Statement and Supplemental Information
December 31, 2024 and 2023
(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator of the Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC 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 audit of the 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 certification from Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America and the College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Notes 6 and 7 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit 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 (GAAP).
- the information in the financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit 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 Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. 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.

**To the Plan Administrator of the
Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan**

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with GAAP, 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 Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 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 Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC 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 Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

**To the Plan Administrator of the
Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan**

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 GAAP.

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.

Emphasis-of-Matter

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Plan will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, ECS's management, the Plan sponsor, decided to terminate the Plan with the Board of Trustees approval, which indicates that the plan is not a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary upon termination. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of and for the year ended 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are 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 a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Kundinger, Corder & Montoya, P.C.

October 1, 2025

Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments, at contract value		
TIAA Traditional Benefit Responsive Annuity Contract (note 6)	\$ 152,102	182,352
Investments, at fair value		
TIAA Traditional Annuity Contracts	6,805,614	7,125,312
TIAA Real Estate Variable Annuity	135,925	193,280
CREF Variable Annuities	7,169,396	6,758,796
TIAA Access Variable Annuities	377,235	475,899
Total investments, at fair value (note 7)	14,488,170	14,553,287
Total assets	\$ 14,640,272	14,735,639
Liabilities	\$ -	-
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 14,640,272	14,735,639

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Additions to net assets attributed to		
Interest and dividends	\$ 326,402	405,710
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>1,185,378</u>	<u>1,274,101</u>
Total additions to net assets	<u>1,511,780</u>	<u>1,679,811</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to		
Benefits paid directly to participants	1,606,742	923,167
Plan transfers	<u>405</u>	<u>24,731</u>
Total deductions from net assets	<u>1,607,147</u>	<u>947,898</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets available for benefits	(95,367)	731,913
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>14,735,639</u>	<u>14,003,726</u>
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	<u>\$ 14,640,272</u>	<u>14,735,639</u>

See the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

(1) General Description of the Plan

The following description of the Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a 403(b) plan that includes a Defined Contribution Plan and covers all Education Commission of the States' (ECS') employees eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

(b) Contributions

Prior to freezing the Plan, eligible employees began to participate in the Plan with elective deferral contributions on the date of hire. Each year, participants may contribute to the Plan the maximum amount allowed by law. Participants who have attained age 50 during a calendar year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans as rollover contributions. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers twenty-one variable annuity funds, and two guaranteed insurance contracts as investment options for participants. Eligible employees, age 18 or more, receive contributions from ECS after six consecutive months of eligible service. Up until the year ended December 31, 2017, ECS made nondiscretionary contributions to eligible employees' accounts of 5% of compensation and matching contributions of up to 3% of compensation. The employer contribution is invested in the portfolio of investments as directed by the participant.

(c) Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's, ECS', and rollover contributions as well as investment earnings. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

(d) Vesting

Contributions, pre-tax deferrals, and income earned thereon are fully vested immediately and cannot be forfeited, even if employment is terminated or an employee becomes ineligible to participate in the plan.

Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(1) General Description of the Plan, Continued

(e) Plan Loans to Participants

Participants may borrow a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of 50% of the participant's vested account balance or \$50,000 reduced by the highest total outstanding Plan loan balance in the 12 months immediately before the date of the participant's new loan. A participant can only have three loans outstanding from the Plan at one time. There may be further restrictions on the number of loans and the maximum loan amount depending on what the participant's account is invested in. The loans are issued directly from funds owned by TIAA, the Plan's trustee, and not from a participant's account. Each loan is secured by the participant's vested account balance. All loans bear reasonable interest rates, established by TIAA, which are commensurate with the prevailing interest rates charged on similar loans under like circumstance by persons in the business of lending money. No new loans were made during the year. Loans require at least quarterly payments under a level amortization schedule over a period not exceeding five years, except in the purchase of a primary residence, in which case the term is up to ten years. There were no loans outstanding at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

(f) Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, a single lump-sum cash payment or annuity option will be made to the participant's designated beneficiary. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution, an annuity option or a direct rollover to an individual retirement account or to another employer's tax qualified plan. Participants who are age 59 ½ or become disabled while employed by ECS may withdraw all or a portion of their vested account balance in their elective deferral contributions. Certain investment options have restrictions on how quickly amounts can be paid out (see note 6).

(g) Expenses

Plan administration fees are paid from the assets of the Plan to the extent permitted by the individual agreements. Expenses may be allocated among all Plan participants or charged directly against individual account balances. Fees charged directly to individual account balances include general recordkeeping fees and expenses related to processing distributions or loans, qualified domestic relations orders, and directing the investment of the participants' account balance. Total fees for 2024 and 2023 were \$40,984 and \$37,003, respectively.

Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan

Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(1) General Description of the Plan, Continued

(h) Hardship Distributions

The Plan permits the withdrawal of a hardship distribution by a participant to satisfy immediate and heavy financial needs. A hardship distribution may be made only for certain needs, including medical expenses, costs related to the purchase of a principal residence, costs to prevent eviction from a principal residence, burial or funeral expenses, expenses for the repair of damage to a participant's personal residence, or certain educational expenses for post-secondary education. Furthermore, the distribution cannot be in excess of the amount of the participant's immediate and heavy financial need; and all other distributions, other than hardship distributions, must have been exhausted. The distribution can be made only from the participant's salary deferrals (including catch-up contributions) or employer contributions held in annuity contracts.

(i) Plan Transfers

Education Commission of the States decided to terminate the Plan effective May 1, 2017. Active participants had the option to transfer their balance to the new Education Commission of the States 403(b) Plan (new 403(b) Plan) established May 1, 2017. However, some participants did not have the ability to transfer all of their funds, if their account was invested in a certain annuity with withdrawal restrictions (see note 6). As those withdrawal restrictions are released, additional transfers could occur in future years, until all funds are released. Many active participants transferred their funds to the new 403(b) Plan in May 2017, and the total Plan transfers during the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$405 and \$24,731, respectively.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

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

(b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

(c) Investments

Investments are reported at either contract value or at fair value. Fair value is determined as more fully described in note 2(d). Investments in the TIAA Real Estate Variable Annuity fund and CREF Variable Annuity funds with readily determinable market values are reported at fair value based on quoted prices in active markets. The market value for traditional annuities represents contract value which equals the accumulated cash contributions, interest credited to the plan's contracts, and transfers, less any withdrawals and transfers. The market values for investments in TIAA Access Variable Annuity funds represent the Plan's pro-rata interest in the net assets of each investment and are based on the fair value of the underlying assets. These investments are not publicly traded on national security market exchanges and may be valued differently than if readily available markets existed for such investments. Management is responsible for the fair value measurement of investments reported in the financial statements and believes that the reported values are reasonable.

Investment return consists of the Plan's distributive share of any interest, dividends, capital gains and losses, generated from investments, as well as the change in fair value of the investments. Gains and losses attributable to investments are realized and reported upon a sales or disposition of the investments. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets available for benefits.

(d) Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as 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. US GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes investments based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets (observable inputs) and the lowest priority to an entity's assumptions (unobservable inputs). The Plan groups assets at fair value in three levels based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. In addition, the Plan reports certain investments using the "practical expedient" method. The practical expedient allows net asset value per share or its equivalent to represent fair value for reporting purposes when the criteria for using this method are met. Investments valued using net asset value per share or its equivalent are not categorized within the hierarchy.

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

(d) Fair Value Measurements, Continued

These levels are:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets as of the measurement date.
- Level 2 Other observable inputs, either directly or indirectly, including:
- Quoted prices for similar assets/liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets in non-active markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset/liability; and,
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by other observable market data.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. These classifications (Level 1, 2 and 3) are intended to reflect the observability of inputs used in the valuation of investments and are not necessarily an indication of risk or liquidity.

Market price is affected by a number of factors, including the type of instrument and the characteristics specific to the instrument, as well as the effects of market, interest and credit risk. Instruments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. It is reasonably possible that change in values of these instruments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect amounts reported in the Plan's financial statements.

(e) Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

(f) Participant Accounting Records

The Plan's third party administrator, TIAA, maintains individual participants' accounting records. Income is allocated to the participants' accounts on a daily basis. Statements are prepared and sent to all participants quarterly summarizing the status of his or her account. Similar reports may be obtained by a participant upon termination of employment or at any other time by writing directly to ECS.

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

(g) Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 1, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(3) Plan Termination

On May 1, 2017, ECS' management decided with the Board of Trustees approval to freeze all contributions to this Plan, with the intention that the current Plan will be terminated at such time and in such manner as permitted by applicable law. When the Plan is terminated, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated for payment of Plan benefits, to the participants and beneficiaries in order of priority determined in accordance with applicable law and the Plan document. Full termination of the Plan is not expected to occur within the next year.

(4) Tax Status

The Plan has been informed by its contract administrator that the adopted ERISA Specimen 403(b) Plan for Code Section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organization is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan has been amended since its adoption. ECS is of the opinion that the Plan is currently being operated and fulfills the applicable requirements of a qualified plan. Accordingly, no provision for federal or state taxes has been provided.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements and determined there are none. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan files Form 5500, and the three previous tax years remain subject to examination.

(5) 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 values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(6) TIAA Traditional Annuity Contract

The Plan invests in the TIAA Traditional Annuity which is a fully benefit-responsive guaranteed fixed annuity contract with TIAA totaling \$152,102 and \$182,352 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. TIAA maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed fixed annuity contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is reviewed on a semi-annual basis for resetting but may be between 1% and 3%. There are withdrawal restrictions, in which participants may only make withdrawals over a seven to nine year period. Under certain circumstances, TIAA may terminate the contract prior to the scheduled maturity date with 30 days written notice.

This 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, as reported to the Plan by TIAA, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the 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 might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options, (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, (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA, or (5) premature termination of the contract. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include (1) an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, (2) a breach of material obligation under the contract, (3) a material misrepresentation, or (4) a material amendment to the agreement with the consent of the issuer.

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(7) Investments

The following table summarizes, with the exception of those investments valued using net asset value per share (or its equivalent), the valuation of the Plan's investments by the above fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2024:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
TIAA guaranteed annuity contracts	\$ 6,805,614	–	–	6,805,614
TIAA real estate variable annuity	135,925	135,925	–	–
CREF variable annuities				
Money market fund	155,189	155,189	–	–
Equity funds	6,860,931	6,860,931	–	–
Bond funds	<u>153,276</u>	<u>153,276</u>	–	–
Investment measured at FMV	<u>14,110,935</u>	<u>7,305,321</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>6,805,614</u>
TIAA Access variable annuities				
Equity funds	213,491	–	–	–
Bond funds	6,348	–	–	–
Real estate funds	28,927	–	–	–
Target date funds	<u>128,469</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
Investments measured at NAV(a)	<u>377,235</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
 Total investments, at fair value \$	 <u>14,488,170</u>	 <u>7,305,321</u>	 <u>–</u>	 <u>6,805,614</u>

The following table summarizes, with the exception of those investments valued using net asset value per share (or its equivalent), the valuation of the Plan's investments by the above fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
TIAA guaranteed annuity contracts	\$ 7,125,312	–	–	7,125,312
TIAA real estate variable annuity	193,280	193,280	–	–
CREF variable annuities				
Money market fund	106,197	106,197	–	–
Equity funds	6,401,931	6,401,931	–	–
Bond funds	<u>250,668</u>	<u>250,668</u>	–	–
Investment measured at FMV	<u>14,077,388</u>	<u>6,952,076</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>7,125,312</u>
TIAA Access variable annuities				
Equity funds	223,508	–	–	–
Bond funds	31,072	–	–	–
Real estate funds	12,868	–	–	–
Target date funds	<u>208,451</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
Investments measured at NAV(a)	<u>475,899</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
 Total investments, at fair value \$	 <u>14,553,287</u>	 <u>6,952,076</u>	 <u>–</u>	 <u>7,125,312</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(7) Investments, Continued

- (a) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using NAV (or its equivalent) practical expedient, which is a reasonable estimate of fair value, 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 amounts presented in the statements of financial position.

Level 1 assets have been valued using a market approach. Fair value for the Level 3 investments is determined by using the contract value adjusted for current market interest rates that exceed current crediting rates, as this approximates fair value. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value and is calculated using quoted market prices for similar assets in markets that are not active; however, the underlying assets may be actively traded. There were no changes in valuation techniques during the current year.

The changes in investments measured at fair value for which the Plan has used Level 3 inputs to determine fair values are as follows:

Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$ 7,308,140
Investment income	346,521
Withdrawals and distributions	(553,903)
Transfers out	49,285
Plan transfer	<u>(24,731)</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2023	7,125,312
Investment income	320,521
Withdrawals and distributions	(540,886)
Transfers out	(78,102)
Plan transfer	<u>(21,231)</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 6,805,614</u>

The TIAA guaranteed annuity contracts includes a non-benefit responsive, fixed rate annuity contract with a guaranteed minimum rate of interest between 1% and 3%. Because of the guaranteed nature of this annuity there are withdrawal restrictions, in which participants may only make withdrawals in the form of a life annuity or in 10 installments, over a 9-year withdrawal period.

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAV per share as of December 31:

Category	Fair Value 2024	Fair Value 2023	Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Notice Period
TIAA Access					
Variable annuities					
Equity funds	213,491	223,508	n/a	Daily	1 day
Bond funds	6,348	31,072	n/a	Daily	1 day
Real estate funds	28,927	12,868	n/a	Daily	1 day
Target date funds	128,469	208,451	n/a	Daily	1 day

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Notes to Financial Statements, Continued

(7) Investments, Continued

Variable annuity investments are invested in underlying funds that primarily consist of equity securities, fixed-income instruments and other mutual funds and short-term instruments. Investments are valued daily and can be redeemed with one day notice period.

(8) Related Party Transactions

Investment products and plan administrative services are provided by the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA) and the College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF). Transactions with TIAA and CREF qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

(9) Financial Data Certified by the Plan Trustee

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by Section 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the Plan administrator and trustee have certified all financial data from which the Plan investment balances and activities reported on the statement of net assets available for benefits, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits and the supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes have been prepared.

Education Commission of the States 403(b) DC Plan
Schedule H, Line 4i-Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year End)
Employer Identification Number 31-0722194, Plan Number 001
December 31, 2024

Identity of Issuer	Description of Investment	Fair Value
TIAA	(a) TIAA Traditional Benefit Responsive	\$ 152,102
TIAA	(a) TIAA Traditional Nonbenefit Responsive	6,805,614
TIAA	(a) TIAA Real Estate Account	135,925
CREF	(a) CREF Stock Account	4,433,062
CREF	(a) CREF Money Market Account	155,189
CREF	(a) CREF Social Choice Account	385,414
CREF	(a) CREF Bond Market Account	127,496
CREF	(a) CREF Global Equities Account	458,582
CREF	(a) CREF Growth Account	709,298
CREF	(a) CREF Equity Index Account	874,575
CREF	(a) CREF Inflation-Linked Bond Account	25,780
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Lifecycle 2020	6,963
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Lifecycle 2035	60,737
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Lifecycle 2045	60,769
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Bond Plus	6,348
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Equity Index	12,119
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access International Equity	59,376
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Large-Cap Growth Index	14,497
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Large-Cap Value	60,459
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Mid-Cap Value	29,830
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Small-Cap Blend Index	2,710
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Small-Cap Equity	34,500
TIAA	(a) TIAA Access Real Estate Securities	28,927
Total assets held for investment purposes		\$ <u><u>14,640,272</u></u>

(a) Considered to be a party-in-interest because it is a service provider for the Plan.

See the accompanying independent auditor's report.



SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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Activity for the Reporting Period: 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024

(A)	(B) IDENTITY OF ISSUE, BORROWER, LESSOR, OR SIMILAR PARTY	(C) DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	(D) COST	(E) CURRENT VALUE
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Traditional Benefit Responsive	\$105,143.87	\$152,101.73
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Traditional Non Benefit Responsive	\$4,912,258.77	\$6,805,614.30
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	CREF Stock R1	\$1,189,457.22	\$4,433,061.93
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	CREF Money Market R1	\$142,917.58	\$155,188.86
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	CREF Social Choice R1	\$160,930.85	\$385,413.85
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	CREF Global Equities R1	\$182,129.49	\$458,582.09
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	CREF Growth R1	\$103,301.65	\$709,297.70
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	CREF Equity Index R1	\$239,300.66	\$874,575.01
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R1	\$22,968.91	\$25,779.58
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Real Estate	\$101,858.21	\$135,924.88
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv Core PI Bd T4	\$6,372.20	\$6,347.55
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv Equity Idx T4	\$4,625.93	\$12,119.10
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv Intl Equity T4	\$56,741.54	\$59,376.38
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv Lrg Cap Gr T4	\$4,625.86	\$14,496.92
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv Lrg Cap Val T4	\$52,651.87	\$60,459.28
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2020 T4	\$4,492.55	\$6,963.22
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2035 T4	\$31,378.04	\$60,736.74
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2045 T4	\$26,573.80	\$60,769.01
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv Mid Cap Val T4	\$26,115.16	\$29,829.87
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv RIEstSecSel T4	\$26,227.64	\$28,926.72
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv Sm Cp Bl lx T4	\$1,862.49	\$2,710.10
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	TIAA Access Nuv Qt Sm Cp Eq T4	\$29,383.36	\$34,499.81
*	College Retirement Equities Fund variable annuities	CREF Core Bond R1	\$111,929.31	\$127,496.49