

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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

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

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, a single-employer plan, a DFE, etc.
B This return/report is: the first return/report, the final return/report, an amended return/report, a short plan year return/report, etc.
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.
D Check box if filing under: Form 5558, automatic extension, special extension, the DFVC program, etc.
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/02/1935
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 39-0493780
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 636-266-1167
2d Business code (see instructions): 524140

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

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

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Rows include plan administrator, employer/plan sponsor, and DFE.

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
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	667
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)	206
	6a(2)	206
	6b	262
	6c	150
	6d	618
	6e	19
	6f	637
	6g(1)	0
	6g(2)	0
h	0	
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
1A 1C 1I 3F 3H

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

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

a Pension Schedules

- (1) **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached 0
- (5) **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

<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 NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</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 NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-0493780</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
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
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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	

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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	4	0
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	68287003

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) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

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

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

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

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

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	
	7c(2)	
	7c(3)	
	7c(4)	
	7c(5)	

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

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

e Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year (2) Administration charge made by carrier..... (3) Transferred to separate account	7e(1)	
	7e(2)	
	7e(3)	
	7e(4)	

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

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)..... **7f** 0

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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 SB (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>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan <u>NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>39-0493780</u>	
E Type of plan: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-A <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: <input type="checkbox"/> 100 or fewer <input type="checkbox"/> 101-500 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 500	

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>76261546</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>83887700</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>278</u>	<u>47976091</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>179</u>	<u>14134058</u>
	c For active participants	<u>218</u>	<u>11612529</u>
	d Total	<u>675</u>	<u>73722678</u>
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	
	b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	
5	Effective interest rate	5	<u>5.21 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>0</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>200000</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>200000</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE <u>HORACE JONES</u> Signature of actuary <u>PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP</u> Firm name <u>PO BOX 9394</u> <u>DES MOINES, IA 50306-9394</u> Address of the firm	<u>08/12/2025</u> Date <u>23-07605</u> Most recent enrollment number <u>678-322-3646</u> Telephone number (including area code)
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Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost				
21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.96 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 63
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute			

Part VI Miscellaneous Items				
24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
26 Demographic and benefit information				
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....				27

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years				
28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years				28 0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....				29 0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....				30 0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year				
31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):				
a Target normal cost (line 6c)				31a 200000
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a				31b 200000
32 Amortization installments:		Outstanding Balance		Installment
a Net shortfall amortization installment		0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment.....		0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount				33
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....				34 0
		Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement		0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)				36 0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)				37 213738
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)				
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)				38a 213738
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances.....				38b 0
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)				39 0
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years				40 0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)				
41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021				

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-0493780	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	128612	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
49 99	OTHER SERVICES	58420	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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			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:

Explanation:

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

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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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A Name of plan <u>NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>39-0493780</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>PRIN LDI LONG DURATION SA-Z</u>	b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-104</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>47062450</u>
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>PRIN LDI INTRM DUR SEP ACCT-Z</u>	b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	
c EIN-PN <u>42-0127290-128</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>21224553</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)

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d Entity code

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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.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>39-0493780</u>

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

	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets		
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	230000
(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)	68287003
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(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	76261546	68517003
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	76261546	68517003

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)	230000	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		230000
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)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		-2007726
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-1777726

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5779785	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		5779785
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	128612	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	58420	
(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)		187032
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		5966817

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-7744543
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP

(2) EIN: 41-0746749

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

	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		10000000
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.)			
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 562661.

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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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>39-0493780</u>	

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

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	0
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
 EIN(s): 42-0127290

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	23
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Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

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

Structured Attachment Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service <hr/> Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration <hr/> Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Schedule SB, line 26a Schedule of Active Participant Data	2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Name of Plan	NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES						
Plan Year Begin Date	01/01/2024	Plan Year End Date	12/31/2024	EIN	39-0493780	PN	001

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	Under 1			1 to 4		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	1	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	8	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	13	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	12	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	11	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	8	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	4	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	0	4	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	0	5	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	1	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	5 to 9			10 to 14		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	3	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	20	0	0	5	0	0
35 to 39	21	0	0	11	0	0
40 to 44	12	0	0	11	0	0
45 to 49	5	0	0	5	0	0
50 to 54	6	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	5	0	0	4	0	0
60 to 64	5	0	0	2	0	0
65 to 69	2	0	0	2	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Name of Plan	NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES						
Plan Year Begin Date	01/01/2024	Plan Year End Date	12/31/2024	EIN	39-0493780	PN	001

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	15 to 19			20 to 24		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	2	0	0	3	0	0
45 to 49	4	0	0	3	0	0
50 to 54	1	0	0	2	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	0	2	0	0
60 to 64	3	0	0	2	0	0
65 to 69	1	0	0	1	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	25 to 29			30 to 34		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	1	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	1	0	0	1	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	0	1	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Name of Plan	NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES						
Plan Year Begin Date	01/01/2024	Plan Year End Date	12/31/2024	EIN	39-0493780	PN	001

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	35 to 39			40 & Up		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	3	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	1	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

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COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES**

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Participants and Plan Administrator
National Guardian Life Insurance Company Pension Plan for Employees
Madison, Wisconsin

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of National Guardian Life Insurance Company Pension Plan for Employees, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

Opinion

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

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matters - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

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

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In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules 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).

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Middleton, Wisconsin
October 3, 2025

**NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS (at Fair Value)		
Pooled Separate Accounts	\$ 68,286,999	\$ 76,261,546
RECEIVABLES		
Company Contribution	230,000	-
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 68,516,999	\$ 76,261,546

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
ADDITIONS:		
INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)		
Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value of Investments	\$ (2,007,730)	\$ 4,975,291
Total Investment Income (Loss)	(2,007,730)	4,975,291
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Employer	230,000	-
Total Contributions	230,000	-
Total Additions	(1,777,730)	4,975,291
DEDUCTIONS:		
BENEFITS PAID TO PARTICIPANTS	5,779,785	5,726,227
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	187,032	256,821
Total Deductions	5,966,817	5,983,048
NET DECREASE	(7,744,547)	(1,007,757)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS:		
Beginning of Year	76,261,546	77,269,303
End of Year	\$ 68,516,999	\$ 76,261,546

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the National Guardian Life Insurance Company Pension Plan for Employees (the Plan) provides general information only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The National Guardian Life Insurance Company Pension Plan for Employees (the Plan) is a noncontributory, defined-benefit plan that covers certain full-time employees, age 21 and over, of National Guardian Life Insurance Company and certain of its former subsidiaries (the Company). Effective November 30, 2021, the Plan was amended to include participants of the Retirement Income Plan for Employees of Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance Company. The Plan provides for retirement income benefits. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Benefits under the Plan are based on years of service and compensation for employees hired before January 3, 2017 (traditional benefit). Employees hired on or after January 3, 2017, are entitled to benefits earned under a cash balance formula (cash balance benefit). Under the traditional benefit, normal retirement age for Plan benefits is 65. Participants may elect to receive reduced benefits upon early retirement at age 60 or the beginning of the year following a break in service. Participants are 100% vested after five years of service under the traditional benefit or three years of service under the cash balance benefit. The Plan was amended July 1, 2020, to 100% vest participants under the various circumstances which include: (1) employment on or after normal retirement age, (2) employment after eligibility for early retirement and (3) disability. The Plan was amended effective September 30, 2020 to freeze all future benefit accruals under the Plan. As a result of the freeze, only compensation and years of credited service earned through September 30, 2020, were taken into consideration in the calculation of a participant's accrued benefit. A participant's accrued benefit will not increase after September 30, 2020.

The Plan was amended November 30, 2021, to include accrued benefits of the frozen Retirement Income Plan for Employees of Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance Company. Plan benefit payment options and further information about the Plan agreement is contained in the Plan's summary plan description booklets. Copies of these documents are available from the Plan administrator.

Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan was amended to fully vest participants' cash balance accounts upon death and fully vest employees of BrightBenefits strategic business unit, who were employed prior to September 1, 2020 and terminated due to the transfer of the business unit to PrimeCare Benefits Group, Inc.

Effective September 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to allow for a window between September 1, 2023 and October 15, 2023 whereby eligible participants or their beneficiaries were able to elect to receive a single lump sum payment of the actuarially equivalent present value of their accrued benefit.

Effective June 6, 2024, the Plan was amended to allow eligible participants or their beneficiaries to elect to receive a single lump sum payment of the actuarially equivalent present value of their accrued benefit.

**NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
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NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

General (Continued)

The Employee Benefits Committee has overall responsibility for the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan administrator monitors investment performance and provides general direction to the Plan's investment managers.

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of Plan assets available for benefits and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Plan uses an actuary to determine the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits. A change in the actuarial assumptions used could significantly change the amount of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits reported in the accompanying financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan administrator determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment custodian. See Note 9 for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Payment of Benefits

Benefits paid to participants are recorded when paid.

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits as described in Note 3 are those estimated future periodic payments that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to services rendered by the employees prior to the valuation date. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries and present employees or their beneficiaries.

The Plan provides for benefit payments under the following circumstances:

- a. For normal retirement at age 65 or after and five years of service
- b. For traditional benefit participants, early retirement at minimum age 60 with at least five years of continuous service

**NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits (Continued)

- c. For total and permanent disability as defined by the Plan, regardless of vesting
- d. For termination of employment after vested rights
- e. Effective November 30, 2021, participants of the Retirement Income Plan for Employees of Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance Company may also receive their frozen benefits upon attaining age 55.

The amount of retirement benefits is based upon years of credited service and compensation paid for employees hired before January 3, 2017, with reductions for early retirement under certain circumstances. Employees hired on or after January 3, 2017 earn benefits under a cash balance formula. Optional forms of pension benefits include the life annuity and joint and survivor pension annuity, which are allowable under rules established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses incurred by the Plan are allowed to be paid by the Plan or paid by the Company. Expenses paid directly by the Company are excluded from these financial statements.

Subsequent Events

The Plan administrator has evaluated subsequent events through October 3, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits earned by the participants to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at December 31, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits:		
Participants Currently Receiving Benefits	\$ 49,178,885	\$ 50,007,998
Active and Terminated Employees Not Presently		
Receiving Benefits	24,866,328	29,047,773
Nonvested Benefits	813,820	1,179,368
Total	<u>\$ 74,859,033</u>	<u>\$ 80,235,139</u>

**NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

NOTE 3 ACCUMULATED PLAN BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

The changes in accumulated plan benefits between the actuarial valuation dates for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits at Beginning of Year	\$ 80,235,139	\$ 82,677,122
Benefits Paid	(5,779,785)	(5,726,227)
Benefits Accumulated and Plan Experience Increase for Interest Due to the Decrease in the Discount Period	(229,834)	(521,461)
Change in Actuarial Assumptions	3,675,492	3,792,743
	<u>(3,041,979)</u>	<u>12,962</u>
Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits at End of Year	<u>\$ 74,859,033</u>	<u>\$ 80,235,139</u>

Significant assumptions underlying the actuarial computations are:

Long-Term Rate of Return – 4.75% for 2024 and 2023

Mortality – Pri-2012 total dataset base rate mortality table projected generationally using scale MP-2021 nonannuitant and annuitant tables

Retirement – 100% at the earlier of age 65 or the age at which unreduced benefits can be received under the Plan

A change in the interest rate basis for lump sums reflects the change in actuarial assumptions above for 2024. These actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. Were the Plan to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits. The computations of the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits were made as of January 1, 2025 and 2024. Had the valuations been performed as of December 31, there would be no material differences.

NOTE 4 FUNDING POLICY

The Company has voluntarily agreed to make contributions to the Plan sufficient to provide the Plan with assets to fund the retirement benefits. The Company's funding policy is to make the minimum annual contributions required by applicable regulations, plus such additional amounts that the Company may determine to be prudent from time to time. For the plan year 2024, the Company made contributions of \$230,000. The Company's contributions for 2024 met the minimum funding requirements of ERISA. During 2023, the Company made contributions of \$-0-. The Company's contributions for 2023 met the minimum funding requirements of ERISA.

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NOTE 5 CERTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules, including investments held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company dba: Principal Trust Company.

NOTE 6 PLAN TERMINATION

In the event the Plan terminates, the net assets of the Plan will be allocated, as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations, generally to provide the following benefits in the order indicated:

- a. Annuity benefits that former employees or their beneficiaries have been receiving for at least three years, or that employees eligible to retire for that three-year period would have been receiving if they had retired with benefits in the normal form of annuity under the Plan. The priority amount is limited to the lowest benefit that was payable (or would have been payable) during those three years. The amount is further limited to the lowest benefit that would be payable under Plan provisions in effect at any time during the five years preceding Plan termination.
- b. All other vested benefits under the Plan guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (a U.S. Government agency) up to the applicable limitations.
- c. All other vested benefits (that is, vested benefits not insured by the PBGC).
- d. All nonvested benefits.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the PBGC if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivors' pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits should the Plan terminate at some future time will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations, and may also depend upon the financial condition of the Plan Sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

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NOTE 7 RELATED-PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments are units of Principal Trust Company pooled separate accounts. Principal Trust Company serves as the investment advisor, actuary and trustee, as defined by the Plan. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions; however, they are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA. Fees paid by the Plan to the trustee for the investment management services amounted to approximately \$187,000 and \$257,000 for 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Certain employees of the Company provide administrative services to the Plan. These employees do not receive any compensation from the Plan for their services. Certain other administrative expenses are paid by the Company on behalf of the Plan.

NOTE 8 INCOME TAX STATUS

The Company has received a determination letter from the IRS dated March 12, 2020, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to this determination by the IRS, the Plan was amended. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with IRC to maintain its qualified status. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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

NOTE 9 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of fair value hierarchy under the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 20 are described below:

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

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NOTE 9 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

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

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

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

Pooled Separate Accounts: The fair value of the pooled separate accounts is based on the net asset value (NAV) of units held by the Plan at year-end. NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions.

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

<u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pooled Separate Accounts	\$ -	\$ 68,286,999	\$ -	\$ 68,286,999
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 68,286,999</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 68,286,999</u>
<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pooled Separate Accounts	\$ -	\$ 76,261,546	\$ -	\$ 76,261,546
Total	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 76,261,546</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 76,261,546</u>

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NOTE 10 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

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

Plan contributions are made and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

NOTE 11 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits per Financial Statements	\$ 68,516,999	\$ 76,261,546
Investments at Fair Value	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 68,517,003</u>	<u>\$ 76,261,546</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net decrease in assets available for benefits per the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, to the Form 5500:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net Decrease in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the Financial Statements	\$ (7,744,547)	\$ (1,007,757)
Miscellaneous Difference	<u>4</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Net Decrease in Net Assets Available for Benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ (7,744,543)</u>	<u>\$ (1,007,759)</u>

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

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
		Pooled Separate Accounts:		
*	Principal Trust Company	Ldi Intermediate Duration Separate Account - Z	\$ 22,222,893	\$ 21,224,552
*	Principal Trust Company	Ldi Long Duration Separate Account - Z	<u>59,183,545</u>	<u>47,062,447</u>
			<u>\$ 81,406,438</u>	<u>\$ 68,286,999</u>

* Indicates party-in-interest

NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY PENSION PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4j—SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(g)	(h)	(i)
Identity of Party Involved	Description of Assets	Purchase Price	Selling Price	Cost	Current Value	Net Gain (Loss)
* Principal Trust Company	Ltd Long Duration Separate Account - Z	\$ 3,910	\$ -	\$ 3,910	\$ 3,910	\$ -
	Purchases			5,248,547	4,210,582	(1,037,965)
	Sales	-	4,210,582			

Category (iii) - A Series of Transactions in Excess of 5% of Plan Assets:

* Principal Trust Company Ltd Long Duration Separate Account - Z \$ 3,910 \$ - \$ 3,910 \$ 3,910 \$ -

* Designates party-in-interest

Columns for "Leased Rental" and "Expenses Incurred with Transactions" are not applicable.

There were no category (i), (ii) or (iv) reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 2024.



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Assumptions prescribed by law

Mortality	Before benefit payment period
	IRS Prescribed Mortality - Generational Non-annuitant, male and female.
	During benefit payment period
	IRS Prescribed Mortality - Generational Annuitant, male and female.

Assumptions selected by actuary

Inflation	2.40% increase per year. Our long-term inflation assumption considered the current economic environment, recent and historical data, and forecasts from Federal Reserve Bank FOMC, Congressional Budget Office, and Survey of Professional Forecasters. See Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.
Asset return	5.25% for the current plan year. The asset return is developed as a weighted average rate based on the target asset allocation of the plan and the long-term capital market assumptions. The calculated return is on an arithmetic mean basis. For details, see the Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.
Expected expense	The expected expense included in target normal cost is an estimate based on prior year expenses paid from plan assets. This is the best estimate available of upcoming year's expenses.

Retirement

Active NGL participants

Traditional with over 20 years of service		Cash balance and traditional with under 20 years of service	
Age	Probability of retirement	Age	Probability of retirement
60	50%	60	10%
61	20%	61	10%
62	10%	62	10%
63	100%	63	10%
64	100%	64	10%
65	100%	65	50%
66	100%	66	50%
67	100%	67	100%

Participants under the former CT plan are assumed to retire at age 65. Inactive participants are assumed to retire at age 65.

Due to our short tenure as actuaries on this plan, we don't have the experience necessary to set this assumption and we are relying on the assumption set by the prior actuary. This assumption is reasonable with the plan's design and as we gain experience, we will continue to monitor and make appropriate adjustments in the future.

Some participants retire early since the plan provides an early retirement subsidy beginning at age 60.

Disability

None. This plan does not offer a subsidized disability benefit therefore the disability assumption is built into the withdrawal assumption.

Marriage

80% married; husbands are 3 years older than wives.

Due to our short tenure as actuaries on this plan, we don't have the experience necessary to set this assumption and we are relying on the assumption set by the prior actuary. This assumption is reasonable with the plan's design and as we gain experience, we will continue to monitor and make appropriate adjustments in the future.

Withdrawal

Active employees with less than a year of service are assumed to terminate 25% of the time. Active employees with between 1 and 5 years of service are assumed to terminate 15% of the time. Selected rates of withdrawal based on termination tables T-9 less 51GAT M are shown below for participants with at least five years of service:

Age	Rate of withdrawal
25	17.12%
40	10.94%
55	2.38%

Due to our short tenure as actuaries on this plan, we don't have the experience necessary to set this assumption and we are relying on the assumption set by the prior actuary. This assumption is reasonable with the plan's design and as we gain experience, we will continue to monitor and make appropriate adjustments in the future.

Form of benefit and basis

75% of active participants with a cash balance account will elect a benefit paid in a lump sum at the assumed retirement ages. The remaining active participants will elect a monthly annuity on the normal form at the assumed retirement age.

Participants who are already terminated on the valuation date are assumed to receive their benefit on the normal form at the assumed retirement age.

Due to our short tenure as actuaries on this plan, we don't have the experience necessary to set this assumption and we are relying on the assumption set by the prior actuary. This assumption is reasonable with the plan's design and as we gain experience, we will continue to monitor and make appropriate adjustments in the future.

The single sum benefit is based on the Applicable Mortality and the plan's funding target interest rates, as prescribed.

Cash balance interest crediting rate

5.00% compounded monthly as specified in the plan document.

Methods prescribed by law

Lump sum payments

Lump sum payments are valued using the plan's funding target interest rates as required, per IRS guidance. These rates are currently higher than the actual rates used to determine lump sum distributions. Therefore, plan liabilities do not currently recognize this additional cost and this may result in the plan not accumulating adequate assets. You may wish to consider additional contributions.

Liability measure

Funding target is the present value of the benefits accrued on the valuation date.

Target normal cost is based on benefits expected to accrue during the current plan year and includes an estimate of plan expenses for the year.

Methods selected by plan sponsor

Asset method The asset valuation method is prescribed by law for plans that elect to use a value other than market value.

For each of the preceding two years, an expected value of assets at the end of the year is compared to the end of year market value. The resulting gain or loss is recognized evenly over three plan years.

The expected value includes contributions, distributions, any deducted administrative expenses, and expected earnings (based on the lesser of the assumed interest rate or the maximum allowable rate). The deferred gains and losses are added to the current market value and then restricted to no more than 110% and no less than 90% of that market value.

When actual returns exceed the assumed return, the actuarial value of assets will lag below market value. The lag and the smoothing effect are limited since the value must be within 10% of market value.

Segment rates 24-month average with no weighting to prior law basis. Use rates where December is the last month included in the average.

PBGC premium basis Variable rate premiums are calculated using census, market value of assets and the one-month average of corporate bond rates in effect on the valuation date. You elected this Standard interest method for the 01/01/2023 plan year and the method must be used for five years before a change can be made.

Segment 1 years 0-5	Segment 2 years 5-20	Segment 3 years 20+
5.01%	5.13%	5.15%

Methods elected by actuary

Retirees Assets and liabilities for current and future retirees are included.

Vested benefits A benefit is included in vested benefits if it meets the requirements under PBGC. The benefit is multiplied by the participant’s vesting percentage applicable to each benefit on the valuation date.

The following ancillary benefits are always treated as nonvested: disability benefits payable to retirement age unless in pay status, pre-retirement death benefits in excess of the survivor annuity death benefit and post retirement death benefits for non-retired participants except as noted in the Plan provisions.

Assumptions and methods elected by actuary - plan accounting (ASC 960)

With the exceptions below, all assumptions and methods are the same as those used in determining your plan's regular funding target and target normal cost.

Mortality	Based on Pri-2012 Total dataset base rate mortality table projected generationally using MP-2021.
Mortality base rates	Before benefit payment period Employee amount-weighted, male and female During benefit payment period Retirees and disabled retirees – Retiree amount-weighted, male and female Contingent survivors – Contingent survivor amount-weighted, male and female after the original participant's death. Participants in pay status who cannot be identified as survivors use the same table as retirees. The Society of Actuaries (SOA) is an actuarial organization that periodically reviews mortality data and publishes mortality tables and improvement scales. In October 2019, the SOA released the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables for private-sector retirement plans in the U.S. The Pri-2012 report contains different sets of mortality tables based on complete dataset or various subsets. The Total dataset base rate table was selected based on information provided by the plan sponsor. Pri-2012 section 12.4. provided three approaches for designated beneficiaries in the calculation of joint-and-survivor annuities. We believe "Approach 1" is reasonable for this plan.
Mortality improvement	MP-2021 is the most recent improvement scale published by the SOA in October 2021. In selecting this assumption, we considered the other parameters available in the MIM-2021-v3 application tool issued by the SOA in October 2022 and consider the selections in MP-2021 reasonable. Based on the sponsor's input, plan experience does not show a need for long-term excess death or Covid death load adjustments.
Interest rate used to value liabilities	4.75% The interest rate used to value ASC 960 liabilities is developed as long-term expected geometric return on plan assets. Arithmetic expected return is calculated as the weighted average of broad asset classes' arithmetic returns of the plan's target asset allocation, and then converted to the geometric under lognormal distribution assumption. For details, see Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

Treatment of administrative expenses

No adjustments are made for administrative expenses, either through a reduction in the discount rate or by calculating a present value of future expenses.

Plan sponsors may change their administrative expense handling at any time. Our approach provides consistent handling of ASC 960 liabilities from year to year, whether expenses are paid with plan assets or directly by the employer.

Note - expenses paid with plan assets are required to be included in funding normal cost. As a result, the plan is reimbursed annually through required funding. Exception – contributions are not required due to assets sufficiently in excess of liabilities to fund both expenses and normal cost. In this case, administrative expenses are taken from the excess assets.

Basis for lump sums

Interest rate

The lump sum interest rate is based on minimum lump sum interest rates as defined under IRC §417(e).

Mortality

IRS Prescribed lump sum mortality for 2022, 2023 and 2024. Future years are projected to decrement date with SOA mortality improvement scale MP-2021.

This assumption reflects current law as provided by the IRS.

SCHEDULE SB (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>	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	<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

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**
 ▶ **Caution:** A penalty of \$1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan <u>National Guardian Life Insurance Company Pension Plan for Employees</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF <u>National Guardian Life Insurance Company</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>39-0493780</u>	

E Type of plan: Single Multiple-A Multiple-B Other
F Prior year plan size: 100 or fewer 101-500 More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1	Enter the valuation date: Month <u>01</u> Day <u>01</u> Year <u>2024</u>		
2	Assets:		
	a Market value	2a	<u>76261546</u>
	b Actuarial value	2b	<u>83887700</u>
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target
	a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	<u>278</u>	<u>47976091</u>
	b For terminated vested participants	<u>179</u>	<u>14134058</u>
	c For active participants	<u>218</u>	<u>11612529</u>
	d Total	<u>675</u>	<u>73722678</u>
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b)..... <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a	
	b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b	
5	Effective interest rate	5	<u>5.21 %</u>
6	Target normal cost		
	a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	<u>0</u>
	b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	<u>200000</u>
	c Target normal cost	6c	<u>200000</u>

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
 To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	<u>HJ</u> Signature of actuary	<u>08/12/2025</u> Date
	<u>Horace Jones</u> Type or print name of actuary	<u>2307605</u> Most recent enrollment number
	<u>Principal Financial Group</u> Firm name	<u>678-322-3646</u> Telephone number (including area code)
	<u>PO Box 9394 Des Moines, IA 50306-9394</u> Address of the firm	

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions

Part II	Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances	
	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	3192772
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	3192772
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>6.81</u> %	0	217428
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.30</u> %		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	3410200

Part III	Funding Percentages	
14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	107.49 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	112.05 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	106.04 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV	Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls				
18 Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:					
(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
06/12/2025	230000	0			
Totals ▶			18(b)	230000	18(c)

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:	
a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a 0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b 0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c 213738
20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:	
a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:	
Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year	
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd
(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:				
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 4.96 %	3rd segment: 5.59 %	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)				21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age				22 63
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - combined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribed - separate	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	

Part VI Miscellaneous Items

24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
26 Demographic and benefit information		
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment ...	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.....	27	

Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years

28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a).....	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29).....	30	0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year

31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c)	31a	200000	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	200000	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment.....	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33).....	34	0	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	0	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	213738	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	213738	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances.....	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)

41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> 2021

Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description Of Weighted Average Retirement Age
National Guardian Life Insurance Company Pension Plan for Employees
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The weighted average retirement age is weighted by the expected percentage of active participants retiring at each age. The retirement rate reflects only those participants who meet retirement eligibility. An active participant working past assumed retirement age is expected to retire at current age.

(1) Age	(2) Expected Active Headcount	(3) Retirement Rate	(4) Expected Retirements (2)*(3)	(5) Weighted Age (1)*(4)
60	76.6246	0.3163	24.2397	1,454.3838
61	54.1733	0.1399	7.5786	462.2940
62	49.4297	0.1000	4.9430	306.4640
63	48.3235	0.4418	21.3482	1,344.9370
64	32.8654	0.1111	3.6526	233.7681
65	32.0669	0.5469	17.5384	1,139.9968
66	14.4148	0.5096	7.3464	484.8617
67	9.0079	1.0000	9.0079	603.5294
68	2.0000	1.0000	2.0000	136.0000
69	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	69.0000
70	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	70.0000
Total			99.6548	6,305.2348
Average				63.27

This report reflects the maximum benefit limits under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 415 and maximum compensation limits under IRC Section 401 in effect on the first day of each plan year.

The following is a summary of plan provisions and does not alter the intent or meanings of the provisions contained in the contract or plan document. This report reflects the provisions of the plan restatement signed 11/14/2018 including amendments through number 4 signed 11/03/2021.

Plan eligibility

Age Attained age 21.
 Plan eligibility is frozen as of 09/30/2020.

Normal retirement benefit

Age The later of attained age 65, or the 5th anniversary of the date of participation.

Form Monthly annuity payable for life (optional forms may be elected in advance of retirement).

Amount accrued benefit (Grandfathered participants) 2% of average annual earnings multiplied by accrual service, limited to 30 years.

Account balance (Cash balance participants) The cash balance account is the sum of pension credit and interest credit.

Account balance accrued benefit (Cash balance participants) Actuarial equivalent of the participant's hypothetical account balance.
 Benefit accruals are frozen for NGL participants as of 09/30/2020.

Amount (accrued benefit) (CT plan participant) Greater of (A) and (B) below:
 A) Excess over \$20 minus the total monthly annuity payment being made by annuities purchased under the prior plan
 B) 1.75% of average compensation multiplied by accrual service (maximum of 30 years) reduced by the monthly annuity payment made under the annuities purchased under the prior plan
 Benefit accruals are frozen as of February 29, 2012.

Early retirement benefit (grandfathered participants)

Age	Attained age 60.
Service	Completed 5 years of service.
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit.
Amount	For benefits accrued prior to 6/30/2015: Accrued benefit is not reduced if the participant has at least 20 years of accrual service, did not receive an ancillary disability benefit, and either the participant's age plus accrual service as of 7/1/2015 is 60 or the participant is 55 years old and has 10 years of accrual service as of 7/1/2015. For benefits accrued on or after 7/1/2015: Accrued benefit on early retirement date reduced by the factors in the table below for each year that the early retirement date precedes normal retirement date.

Age at retirement	Early retirement factor
60	.618
61	.677
62	.744
63	.820
64	.904

Early retirement benefit (CT participants)

Age	Attained age 55.
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit.
Amount	Accrued benefit on early retirement date reduced by 6 2/3% for each year up to five and 3 1/3% for each year between five and ten that the early retirement date precedes normal retirement date.

Late retirement benefit

Age	No maximum age.
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit.
Amount	Greater of accrued benefit on late retirement date or accrued benefit on normal retirement date actuarially increased to late retirement date.

Termination benefit

Vesting percentage	100% after five years of vesting service.
Grandfathered participant	
Vesting percentage	100% after three years of vesting service.
Cash balance participant	
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit with income deferred until normal retirement date.
Amount	Accrued benefit on date of termination multiplied by the vesting percentage.

Disability benefit

Eligibility	Active participant with a grandfathered accrued benefit who becomes disabled before age 60.
Form	Monthly income payable until early retirement, death, or recovery and a deferred annuity payable at the normal retirement date.
Amount	Accrued benefit on date of disability reduced by 61.8%

Survivor annuity death benefit (a vested benefit)

Eligibility	Qualified married participant fully or partially vested in an accrued benefit.
Form	Monthly annuity payable to spouse, deferred to participant's earliest retirement date if later than the date of death.
Amount (Grandfathered plan)	If death occurs, the amount paid to the surviving spouse is equal to the amount that would have been paid had the participant terminated employment on the date of death and survived to his/her earliest retirement age, retired with a qualified joint and 100% survivor annuity in effect, then died the next day.
Amount (cash balance plan)	Single life annuity that is the actuarial equivalent of the participant's vested account balance.

Definitions

Average compensation	<p>Prior to July 1, 2015: The monthly average of pay for the highest three compensation years out of the last six compensation years prior to normal retirement date.</p> <p>On and after July 1, 2015: The monthly average of pay for the highest five compensation years out of the last six compensation years prior to normal retirement date.</p>
Interest crediting rate	5% per year
Interest credits	Interest credited to a participant's cash balance account as of the last day of the immediately preceding plan year.
Optional forms of benefit payments	<p>The optional forms of benefit payments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly annuity payable for life.• Monthly annuity payable as a survivorship life annuity with survivorship percentages of 50, 75, or 100.• Single sum payment equal to the cash balance account.• Single life annuity with modified cash refund equal to a participant's accumulated contributions.• Monthly annuity payable for 10 years certain and life (CT Participants)• Monthly annuity payable as a survivorship life annuity with survivorship percentage of 66 2/3 (CT Participants)• Social security level income (CT Participants) <p>The optional form conversion basis is 7.0% interest and the 1983 Group Annuity Mortality table for payments other than lump sums.</p> <p>Lump sum provisions</p> <p>Small amount force out (SAFO) – allowed up to \$5,000.</p> <p>Lump sums in excess of SAFO – aren't allowed except for cash balance participants.</p> <p>Conversion – deferred rate. The applicable interest rate and applicable mortality table as set forth in Code Section 417. The applicable interest rate uses the first calendar month preceding the first day of the stability period that is one calendar month.</p>

Changes in Principal Eligibility or Benefit Provisions

There have been no changes in principal eligibility or benefit provisions since the last valuation.

Significant Event

The enrolled actuary has not been made aware that any significant events have occurred during the year.