

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

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.

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 09/01/1976
2a Plan sponsor's name, mailing address, city or town... 4033 MAPLE ROAD AMHERST, NY 14226
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 16-1056814
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 716-834-0900
2d Business code (see instructions): 541990

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, Name. Rows for plan administrator, employer/plan sponsor, and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	689
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	252
	<b>6a(2)</b>	235
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	444
	<b>6d</b>	679
	<b>6e</b>	3
	<b>6f</b>	682
	<b>6g(1)</b>	689
	<b>6g(2)</b>	682
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b></p>	
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>16-1056814</b></p>	

**Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-1624203	69345	315470	443	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

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

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid <b>0</b>	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid <b>0</b>
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>	
	Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.	
<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	20008075
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	40711924
<b>6</b>	<b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>
<b>d</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b> 19671904
<b>c</b>	(1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b> 52706
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b>
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b> 804693
	(4) Transferred from separate account .....	<b>7c(4)</b> 1768481
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ MISCELLANEOUS CREDITS, INCLUDING INVESTMENT GAINS AND TRANSFERS FROM FULLY ALLOCATED CONTRACTS	<b>7c(5)</b> 3487
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b> 2629367
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b> 22301271
<b>e</b>	<b>Deductions:</b>	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	<b>7e(1)</b> 986029
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b> 996
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b> 1306171
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	<b>7e(4)</b>
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b> 2293196	
<b>f</b>	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....	<b>7f</b> 20008075

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

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-1056814	

**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?
15 17 27 28 38 50 52 54 64 66	NONE	35866	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)

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

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

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

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

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

<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
<b>(d)</b> Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	<b>(e)</b> Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
<b>(a)</b> Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	<b>(b)</b> Service Codes (see instructions)	<b>(c)</b> Enter amount of indirect compensation
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

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

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

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

<b>a</b> Name: BERRY, DUNN, MCNEIL & PARKER LLC	<b>b</b> EIN: 01-0523282
<b>c</b> Position: AUDITOR	
<b>d</b> Address: 2211 CONGRESS STREET PORTLAND, ME 04102	<b>e</b> Telephone: 207-541-2200

Explanation: AS OF 1/1/2025 BERRYDUNN WILL OPERATE WITH A NEWLY FORMED ENTITY BDMP ASSURANCE LLP ALONGSIDE ITS EXISTING ENTITY BERRY, DUNN, MCNEIL & PARKER LLC. THE ENTITIES WILL BE LEGALLY SEPARATE BUT CLOSELY ALIGNED AND WILL OPERATE UNDER BRAND NAME BERRYDUNN.

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>TIAA REAL ESTATE</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>TIAA-CREF</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
<u>13-1624203-004</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>2020527</u>	
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	57361
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	2069507
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	67238436
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	19671904
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>	2180343

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	91217551	101678463
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	91217551	101678463

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	1420989	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	1177924	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	183847	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		2782760
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	5540	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	804693	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		810233
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	1431323	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		1431323
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		-85567
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		9454188
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		362334
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		14755271

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	4226586	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>	31907	
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		4258493
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>		
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	35866	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		35866
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		4294359

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		10460912
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: **BDMP ASSURANCE, LLP**

(2) EIN: **99-4708358**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined  
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**1** Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions..... 

1		0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
EIN(s): 82-2826183

**Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.**

**3** Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year..... 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 08 / 07 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500954A.



# Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation, Inc. Retirement Plan

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
and  
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

December 31, 2024 and 2023  
With Independent Auditor's Report





BDMP Assurance, LLP

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator  
Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation, Inc. Retirement Plan

### Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2024 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation, Inc. Retirement Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have an audit of the Plan's 2024 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 (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

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

### Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the 2024 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the 2024 financial statements 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 on the 2024 Financial Statements**

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards (U.S. GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 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 audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the 2024 Financial Statements**

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

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

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

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2024 Financial Statements**

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2024 Financial Statements section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 2024 financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. 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 U.S. GAAS, we:

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

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

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2024 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 U.S. GAAP.

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 U.S. GAAP.

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

### **Other Matters**

#### *2024 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA*

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

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by the 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).

*Auditor's Report on the 2023 Financial Statements*

The financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2023 were audited by Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC. In accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the prior year audit did not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan that were certified by qualified institutions. Their report dated October 14, 2024, indicated that in their opinion (a) the amounts and disclosures in the 2023 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and (b) the information in the 2023 financial statements 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). Their report also indicated that the form and content of the 2023 supplemental schedule, other than the information in the 2023 supplemental schedule that agrees to or is derived from the certified investment information, were presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, and the information in the 2023 supplemental schedules 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).

*BDMP Assurance, LLP*

Portland, Maine  
October 13, 2025

FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Investments, at fair value		
Variable annuities	\$ 38,691,397	\$ 34,521,577
Mutual funds	38,398,050	32,716,859
TIAA traditional annuity contract – non-benefit-responsive	11,155,533	10,724,909
Pooled separate account	2,020,527	2,069,507
Self-directed brokerage accounts	<u>2,484,088</u>	<u>2,180,343</u>
	<b>92,749,595</b>	82,213,195
Investments, at contract value		
TIAA traditional annuity and stable value contracts	<u>8,852,542</u>	<u>8,946,995</u>
Total investments	<b>101,602,137</b>	91,160,190
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>76,326</u>	<u>57,361</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<b><u>\$101,678,463</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 91,217,551</u></b>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN**

**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Investment and notes receivable from participants' income	\$ 9,406,580
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>2,565,931</u>
Interest and dividends	
Total investment and notes receivable from participants' income	<u>11,972,511</u>

Contributions

Employer	1,420,989
Participants'	1,177,924
Rollovers	<u>183,847</u>

Total contributions 2,782,760

Total additions 14,755,271

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants	4,258,493
Administrative expenses	<u>35,866</u>

Total deductions 4,294,359

Net increase 10,460,912

Net assets available for benefits

Beginning of year 91,217,551

End of year \$101,678,463

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### 1. Description of Plan

The following description of Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation, Inc. Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation, Inc. (the Company) and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Employees are eligible to make salary deferrals to the Plan immediately. To receive employer contributions, an employee must have completed one year of service and 1,000 hours of service during the plan year. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### Contributions

Participants can elect to contribute up to 100% of their compensation on a pre-tax basis during each Plan year, up to a maximum allowable amount, as determined by the Internal Revenue Code (Code). Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants also may contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Company makes a contribution in the amount of 8% of a participant's eligible compensation. The Company contribution is invested as directed by the participant. The Company may also elect to make discretionary contributions. No discretionary contribution was made for 2024.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and the Company's matching contributions, as well as allocations of Plan earnings (losses). Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses to the extent they are not paid by the Company. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The note receivable is secured by the balance in the participant's account. The interest rate, determined quarterly, is set at the higher of (a) the Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Average for the calendar month ending two months before the note is issued, or (b) the interest rate credited before the beginning of participation as stated in the applicable rate schedule plus 1 percent, as defined. Principal and interest is paid ratably through monthly payroll deductions.

#### Vesting

Participants immediately vest in their contributions plus actual earnings on the contributions. Vesting in the Company's contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested after five years of credited service.

# FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### **Payment of Benefits**

The Plan provides for a normal retirement benefit to be paid to participants who have reached the age of 65. Upon termination of service, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his or her vested account balance, partial withdrawals, or in substantially equal installments. There are also retirement benefits available upon late retirement, disability, and death. The Plan allows for in-service distributions for those employees who have reached the age of 59½ or have become disabled.

The Plan allows for participants to request a withdrawal from their own employee contributions upon demonstration to the plan administrator that they are suffering a "hardship." Hardship is defined in applicable regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 403(b) of the Code or standards established by the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate.

### **Forfeited Accounts**

During the year ended December 31, 2024, employer contributions were reduced by \$14,472 from forfeited nonvested accounts. Forfeited nonvested funds were used during the year to reduce employer contributions. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, \$2,927 and \$67, respectively, of forfeitures were available for use.

### **Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, participants will become fully vested in their accounts.

## **2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Accounting**

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

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Risks and Uncertainties**

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

# FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### **Investments**

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 7 for discussion of fair value measurement.

Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Security transactions are accounted for as of the date the securities are purchased or sold (trade date). Interest income is recorded as earned and, for short-term money market instruments, includes amortization of discount and premium. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes both realized and unrealized gains and losses.

### **Notes Receivable from Participants**

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as distributions on the basis of the terms of the plan document.

### **Administrative Expenses**

Certain expenses incurred maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. The Plan's investment transaction fees are allocated to the individual participant accounts and are netted with appreciation in fair value of investments in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Distribution processing fees are charged to the individual applicable accounts in accordance with the Plan document, and while these fees are party-in-interest transactions, they are not prohibited under ERISA.

### **Payment of Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

### **Subsequent Events**

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through October 13, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# FRONTIER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### 3. Guaranteed Annuity Accounts

The Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA) Traditional Annuity Non Benefit Responsive investment is a non fully benefit-responsive guaranteed annuity account. Contributions to this investment buy a contractual or guaranteed amount of future benefits for the participant. Interest credited to the investment includes a guaranteed rate plus additional amounts established on a year-by-year basis. Fair value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. The contracts do not allow for lump-sum withdrawals. In addition, participant initiated transfers may only be made in ten annual installments. Because of the liquidity restrictions, the contract is non fully benefit-responsive.

Investments in the TIAA Traditional Annuity Benefit Responsive and the TIAA Stable Value are in fully benefit-responsive guaranteed annuity accounts. Contract value, as reported by TIAA, represent contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants are able to direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuers. Such events include (1) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan); 2( changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions; (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan; (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA; or (5) premature termination of the contract. No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

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

### 4. Income Tax Status

The Plan utilizes a volume submitter plan document. The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the service provider by letter dated August 7, 2017, that its volume submitter plan document is designed in accordance with Section 403(b) of the Code and the regulations issued thereunder. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination; however, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code.

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### 5. Information Prepared and Certified by Custodians

The investments, investment transactions, net appreciation in fair value of investments, notes receivable from participants, and interest and dividends was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified by TIAA and College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF), the custodians, as complete and accurate. This information is included in the following:

- Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
- Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
- Note 3 in the Notes to Financial Statements
- Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

### 6. Party-in-Interest Transactions

Plan investments are managed by TIAA and CREF. TIAA and CREF provide custodial and plan administration services and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

Certain plan assets are used as collateral for loans made directly between TIAA and CREF and Plan participants. These loans are collateralized by 110% of the participant's balance and are not included in the statements of net assets available for benefits. The collateral is required to be maintained in the TIAA Traditional Annuity investment. As the loans are paid off, participants may reinvest their funds as they choose. The amount of participant balances held as collateral for these loans as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$2,419 and \$5,375, respectively. In the event of default, TIAA and CREF will draw the funds from the participant's account to cover the remaining loan balance.

### 7. Fair Value Measurement

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). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

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

- 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; and
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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

*Self-directed brokerage accounts:* The self-directed brokerage accounts are invested in mutual funds. Mutual funds held in the self-directed brokerage accounts are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. Mutual funds held in the self-directed brokerage accounts are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the funds and are valued using Level 1 inputs.

*TIAA traditional annuity contract – non-benefit-responsive:* As these investments are contract-based, observable prices for identical or similar investments do not exist and, accordingly, these investments are valued using unobservable inputs. The fair value equals the accumulated cash contributions and interest credited to the contract, less any withdrawals.

*Variable annuities:* The fair value of accumulation units held by the Plan in variable annuities are based on each account's daily NAV as a practical expedient, which is considered by the plan administrator to be the best approximation of fair value. Variable annuities are not actively traded. Data for NAV determination is available daily to plan administrators and client investors via the TIAA and CREF website, and provides sufficient corroborative evidence to ascertain the relationship between each fund's NAV and the individual underlying holdings. Underlying holdings are primarily valued using market quotations or prices obtained from independent pricing sources. Redemption frequency and notice period is available on a daily basis. There are no unfunded commitments from participants in the Plan who invest in these variable annuities.

*Pooled separate account:* These investments are held in the TIAA Real Estate Account (REA). The REA is an insurance company separate account of TIAA investing mainly in real estate. The fair value of accumulation units held by the plan is priced daily based on the NAV as a practical expedient, which is considered by the plan administrator to be the best approximation of fair value. REA's are not actively traded, however data for NAV determination is available daily to plan administrators and client investors via the TIAA website, and provides sufficient corroborative evidence to ascertain the relationship between each fund's NAV and the individual underlying holdings. Underlying holdings are primarily valued using prices obtained from independent appraisal sources. Redemptions are available on a daily basis but are limited to one per calendar quarter. There are no unfunded commitments from participants in the Plan who invest in these REA's.

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

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value:

**Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024**

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:				
Mutual funds	\$ 38,398,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,398,050
Self-directed brokerage accounts	2,484,088	-	-	2,484,088
TIAA traditional annuity contract – non-benefit-responsive	-	-	<u>11,155,533</u>	<u>11,155,533</u>
	<u>\$ 40,882,138</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,155,533</u>	52,037,671
Variable annuities				38,691,397
Pooled separate account				<u>2,020,527</u>
Total assets at fair value				<u>\$ 92,749,595</u>

**Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023**

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:				
Mutual funds	\$ 32,716,859	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,716,859
Self-directed brokerage accounts	2,180,343	-	-	2,180,343
TIAA traditional annuity contract – non-benefit-responsive	-	-	<u>10,724,909</u>	<u>10,724,909</u>
	<u>\$ 34,897,202</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,724,909</u>	45,622,111
Variable annuities				34,521,577
Pooled separate account				<u>2,069,507</u>
Total assets at fair value				<u>\$ 82,213,195</u>

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The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 investments for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Balance, beginning of year	\$ 10,724,909
Interest and dividends	152,143
Plan servicing credit	1,778
Realized gains	172,150
Unrealized gains on securities held at end of period	162,781
Benefits paid to participants	(456,060)
Interfund transfers (net)	<u>397,832</u>
Fair value, end of year	<u>\$ 11,155,533</u>

The following table represents the Plan's Level 3 financial instrument, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of that financial instrument, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges of values for those inputs.

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>		<u>Principal Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Unobservable Inputs</u>	<u>Range of Significant Input Values</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>			
TIAA Traditional Annuity Contract – Non-Benefit-Responsive	\$ 11,155,533	\$ 10,724,909	Discounted cash flow Theoretical Transfer (Exit Value)	Risk-Adjusted Discount Rate Applied	Retirement Annuity 5.25% - 5.50%

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(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 <sup>(1)</sup>	(e) Current Value
*	CREF	CREF Stock R2		\$ 15,307,870
*	CREF	CREF Money Market R2		640,122
*	CREF	CREF Social Choice R2		4,293,745
*	CREF	CREF Bond Market R2		1,347,800
*	CREF	CREF Global Equities R2		4,571,704
*	CREF	CREF Growth R2		7,031,872
*	CREF	CREF Equity Index R2		4,582,488
*	CREF	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R2		915,796
*	TIAA	TIAA Traditional Benefit Responsive		7,498,617
*	TIAA	TIAA Traditional Non-Benefit Responsive		11,155,533
*	TIAA	TIAA Stable Value		1,353,925
*	TIAA	TIAA Real Estate		2,020,527
*	Nuveen	Core Plus Bond Retire		307,864
*	Nuveen	Core Bond Retirement		304,633
*	Nuveen	Equity Index Retirement		584,586
*	Nuveen	Core Equity Retirement		378,116
*	Nuveen	High Yield Retirement		362,535
*	Nuveen	Infl Linked Bond Retire		69,478
*	Nuveen	Internatl Eq Idx Retire		1,271,242
*	Nuveen	Internatl Equity Retire		296,884
*	Nuveen	Large Cap Gr Idx Retire		918,537
*	Nuveen	Large Cap Val Idx Rtmt		822,958
*	Nuveen	Large Cap Value Retire		444,491
*	Nuveen	Mid Cap Growth Retire		299,521
*	Nuveen	Mid Cap Value Retire		820,667
*	Nuveen	Money Market Retirement		1,182,183
*	Nuveen	S&P 500 Index Retire		1,220,836
*	Nuveen	Short-Term Bond Retire		80,921
*	Nuveen	Small Cap Bld Idx Rtmt		797,998
*	Nuveen	Large Cap Resp Eq Rtmt		469,893
*	Nuveen	Emerg Mkts Eq Idx R6		343,953
*	TIAA	TIAA-CREF Self-Directed		2,484,088
	JPMorgan	Large Cap Growth R6		681,027
	American Funds	American Balanced		814,820
	American Funds	2010 Target Date		393,739
	American Funds	2015 Target Date		62,749
	American Funds	2020 Target Date		457,496
	American Funds	2025 Target Date		798,157
	American Funds	2030 Target Date		2,405,426
	American Funds	2035 Target Date		1,560,631

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	American Funds	2040 Target Date		1,412,880
	American Funds	2045 Target Date		2,889,594
	American Funds	2050 Target Date		2,952,373
	American Funds	2055 Target Date		3,182,140
	American Funds	2060 Target Date		332,375
	American Funds	2065 Target Date		85,352
	American Funds	New Perspective		38,793
	American Funds	U.S. Government Securities		262,642
	American Century	Small-Cap Growth		12,558
	Vanguard	S&P 500 Index		3,159,146
	Vanguard	Equity Income		1,231,459
	Vanguard	Explorer		437,698
	Vanguard	Federal Money Market		565,592
	Vanguard	Target Retire Income		207,331
	Vanguard	Small-Cap Val Idx Adm		333,627
	Vanguard	Mid-Cap Index Adm		285,536
	Vanguard	Small-Cap Index Adm		435,193
	Vanguard	Mid-Cap Value Index Adm		98,894
	Vanguard	Real Estate Index Adm		146,109
	JPMorgan	Mid-Cap Growth		173,845
	Mass Mutual	Premier Hi-Yield		232,706
	ClearBridge	International Growth		884,412
	MFS	International Equity		66,588
	Metropolitan West	Total Return Bond		475,416
	Praxis	Growth Index		344,450
*	Notes receivable from participants	Maturing 2026 - 2029, 9.00 - 9.50%	-0-	<u>76,326</u>
				<u>\$101,678,463</u>

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

(1) Information not required for participant directed investments.

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