

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

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

a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

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

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

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

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

special extension (enter description)

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

<p>1a Name of plan <u>KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>002</u></p>
<p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>KNICKERBOCKER GROUP, INC.</u></p> <p><u>3 BUILDERS SQUARE</u> <u>BOOTHBAY, ME 04537</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>04/03/2017</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>01-0389577</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>207-633-3818</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>236110</u></p>

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2025	PETER DUSSEAULT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	139
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)	115
	6a(2)	128
	6b	0
	6c	28
	6d	156
	6e	0
	6f	156
	6g(1)	136
	6g(2)	156
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
2E 2F 2H 2I 2J 2K 2P 2Q 2T 3I

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 _____
- (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 style="text-align: center;">SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">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 style="font-size: 24pt;">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 KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>002</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KNICKERBOCKER GROUP, INC.</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 01-0389577</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
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(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
84-0467907	68322	336639-01	22	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.

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

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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	158164
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	0

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 ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	135035
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	8021
	7c(2)	0
	7c(3)	2097
	7c(4)	16401
	7c(5)	0

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	26519
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	161554
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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)	0
	7e(2)	3390
	7e(3)	0
	7e(4)	0

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	3390
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f	158164
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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)	0
b	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	0
	(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
	(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
	(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
	(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
	(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)		9c(2)	
d	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
	(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
	(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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

A Name of plan KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KNICKERBOCKER GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 01-0389577	

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)

COMMONWEALTH EQUITY SERVICES LLC

29 SAWYER ROAD
WALTHAM, MA 02453-3483

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	31740	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)

BLUE RIDGE ESOP ASSOCIATES

154 HANSEN ROAD
SUITE 102
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22911

(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	CONTRACT ADMIN	11530	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)

EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
64	RECORDKEEPER	7480	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"/>

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
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

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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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KNICKERBOCKER GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 01-0389577

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)	1156	0
(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)		
(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)	7613168	8950694
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	135035	158164
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)	3353918	2295885
(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	11103277	11404743
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	91962	90581
j Other liabilities.....	1j	172	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	92134	90581
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	11011143	11314162

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)	267468	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	578611	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	73152	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		919231
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	316132	
(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)		316132
(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)	810191	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	720982	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		89209
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)	-1031203	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		-1031203

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		704976
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		998345

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	640887	
(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)		640887
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		3689
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	11530	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	7480	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	31740	
(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)		50750
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		695326

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		303019
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: **ALBIN RANDALL & BENNETT**

(2) EIN: **01-0448006**

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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 _____.

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

A Name of plan <u>KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>002</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>KNICKERBOCKER GROUP, INC.</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>01-0389577</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	26831
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): <u>82-6236172</u> <u>84-0467907</u> 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	

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)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

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

**KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK
OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE

With Independent Auditors' Report

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023



KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustee
Knickerbocker Group Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan:

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Knickerbocker Group Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Knickerbocker Group Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Notes 4 and 11 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the 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 a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Knickerbocker Group Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) 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 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 Knickerbocker Group Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) 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.

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.
- 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 Knickerbocker Group Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) 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 Knickerbocker Group Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

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

Albin, Randall & Bennett

October 13, 2025

KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024			2023				
	<u>401(k)</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>401(k)</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS:								
Investments:								
Mutual funds, at fair value	\$ 8,950,694	-	-	8,950,694	7,613,168	-	-	7,613,168
Group annuity contract, at contract value	158,164	-	-	158,164	135,035	-	-	135,035
Investment in Sponsor common stock, at fair value	-	395,394	1,900,491	2,295,885	-	513,751	2,840,168	3,353,919
Total investments	<u>9,108,858</u>	<u>395,394</u>	<u>1,900,491</u>	<u>11,404,743</u>	<u>7,748,203</u>	<u>513,751</u>	<u>2,840,168</u>	<u>11,102,122</u>
Receivable - Employer contributions	-	-	-	-	1,156	-	-	1,156
Total assets	<u>9,108,858</u>	<u>395,394</u>	<u>1,900,491</u>	<u>11,404,743</u>	<u>7,749,359</u>	<u>513,751</u>	<u>2,840,168</u>	<u>11,103,278</u>
LIABILITIES:								
Note payable	-	-	90,581	90,581	-	-	91,962	91,962
Other	-	-	-	-	173	-	-	173
Total liabilities	-	-	<u>90,581</u>	<u>90,581</u>	<u>173</u>	-	<u>91,962</u>	<u>92,135</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 9,108,858</u>	<u>395,394</u>	<u>1,809,910</u>	<u>11,314,162</u>	<u>7,749,186</u>	<u>513,751</u>	<u>2,748,206</u>	<u>11,011,143</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>401(k)</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Total</u>
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS:				
Investment income:				
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ 794,185	(150,917)	(880,287)	(237,019)
Interest and dividend income	<u>316,132</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>316,132</u>
Total investment income	<u>1,110,317</u>	<u>(150,917)</u>	<u>(880,287)</u>	<u>79,113</u>
Contributions:				
Participants	578,611	-	-	578,611
Employer	262,399	-	5,069	267,468
Rollovers	<u>73,152</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,152</u>
Total contributions	<u>914,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,069</u>	<u>919,231</u>
Allocation of 2,517 shares of Sponsor common stock, at fair value	<u>-</u>	<u>59,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,390</u>
Total additions	<u>2,024,479</u>	<u>(91,527)</u>	<u>(875,218)</u>	<u>1,057,734</u>
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS:				
Distributions to participants	614,057	26,830	-	640,887
Interest expense	-	-	3,688	3,688
Administrative expenses	50,750	-	-	50,750
Allocation of 2,517 shares of Sponsor common stock, at fair value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,390</u>	<u>59,390</u>
Total deductions	<u>664,807</u>	<u>26,830</u>	<u>63,078</u>	<u>754,715</u>
Change in net assets available for benefits	1,359,672	(118,357)	(938,296)	303,019
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR				
	<u>7,749,186</u>	<u>513,751</u>	<u>2,748,206</u>	<u>11,011,143</u>
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u>\$ 9,108,858</u>	<u>395,394</u>	<u>1,809,910</u>	<u>11,314,162</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Knickerbocker Group Employee Stock Ownership and 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of Plan provisions.

General - Knickerbocker Group, Inc. (the Plan Sponsor, or Company) established the Knickerbocker Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP Plan) on April 3, 2017 and the Knickerbocker Group, Inc. 401(k) Plan (401(k) Plan) on January 1, 2004. Effective December 31, 2019, the 401(k) Plan merged into the ESOP Plan, which was renamed the Knickerbocker Group 401(k) and Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The Plan contains Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(k) and employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) features, and is designed to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) and the regulations thereunder of the IRC, as amended and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan holds and administers both the employer-issued stock held by the ESOP and the participant-directed 401(k) investment accounts.

In April 2017, the Plan purchased 100% of the Company's stock immediately after redemption of the stock by the Company's former stockholders. The Plan acquired the 100,000 shares of common stock in exchange for a \$100,000 note payable to the Company and holds the common stock in a trust established under the Plan.

The borrowing is collateralized by the unallocated shares of common stock. The Company has no rights against shares of common stock once they are allocated to participants under the provisions of the Plan. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, present separately the assets and liabilities for the ESOP component of the plan benefits and changes therein pertaining to:

1. the accounts of employees with rights in allocated common stock (allocated) and
2. common stock not yet allocated to employees (unallocated).

Eligibility - Employees of the Company and its subsidiaries who have attained age 18 become participants in the Plan as of the first day of the month coincident with or after completing 90 consecutive days of employment, or after completing one year of service. A year of service is defined as 1,000 hours of service, initially during the first twelve consecutive months of employment, and during the Plan year thereafter. An employee becomes eligible for employer contributions after completing at least one year of service, provided in the case of non-safe harbor contributions, they are employed on the last day of the plan year.

The Plan also provides for eligibility of employees re-employed by the Company after terminating service. However, the Plan excludes leased employees, cleaners, nonresident aliens, and employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN, CONTINUED

Contributions - Each year, participants may contribute any portion of their eligible compensation on a pre-tax or Roth basis, up to the maximum limit set by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts represented distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover contributions), subject to certain requirements.

At its discretion, the Company may make matching and/or profit-sharing contributions, and in any given year may elect to make safe harbor contributions in the form of either matching or nonelective contributions. For the plan year ended December 31, 2024, the Company made a safe harbor nonelective contribution equal to 3% of a participants' eligible compensation and did not make any matching or profit-sharing contributions.

Participants direct their 401(k) elective and employer contributions into one or more of the investments offered by the Plan.

The Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the ESOP trust (the Trust) which, when aggregated with any Plan dividends or interest earnings, equal the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payments of principal and interest due on its term loan. As the Plan makes each payment of principal and interest, an appropriate percentage of stock will be allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the IRC. Employee contributions to their ESOP accounts are not permitted. The Company has the discretion to make additional cash or stock contributions to the Plan beyond the terms of the Plan's loan commitment, within limitations set forth by the IRC.

Voting rights - Each participant is entitled to exercise voting rights attributable to the Sponsor's common stock allocated to his or her account and is notified by the trustee prior to the time that such rights are to be exercised. In the event that instructions have not been given to the trustee by a participant, the trustee is to vote those shares based on the break-down of instructions received from participants. In certain situations, the trustee has the right to decide how shares of Sponsor common stock allocated to participant accounts will be voted. The trustee is required, however, to vote any unallocated shares on behalf of the collective best interest of Plan participants and beneficiaries.

Participant accounts - The Plan is a defined contribution plan under which separate individual accounts are established for each participant.

Each participant's ESOP account is credited as of the last day of each Plan year with an allocation of unallocated shares of Sponsor common stock released by the trustee, and any forfeitures of terminated participants' non-vested balances, Company discretionary contributions, Company distributions, and Plan earnings. Only those participants who are eligible employees of the Company as of the last day of the Plan year will receive an allocation. Allocations are based on a participant's eligible compensation, relative to total compensation. Plan earnings are allocated to each participant's account based on the ratio of the participant's account balance.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN, CONTINUED

Participant accounts, continued - Each participant's 401(k) asset account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company contributions, as well as allocations of Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant account balances and transactions. Fees related to the administration of distributions and notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting - Participants are immediately vested in their 401(k) contributions and Company safe harbor contributions, and earnings thereon. Vesting of employer matching contributions and profit sharing contributions is based on years of contributing service. Participants vest 20% in the balances of these contributions in his or her account per year of service after two years of service and are 100% vested after six years of service. Amounts attributable to participant ESOP accounts become fully vested after three years of service. Upon normal retirement age, permanent disability, or death, the participant will become fully vested in their account balance.

Notes receivable from participants - Participants may borrow from their 401(k) fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. No more than one loan can be outstanding at any time. The loans bear interest at a rate fixed by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of benefits - ESOP account distributions are generally made in annual cash installments over no more than five years. Participants may elect to have distributions commence no later than one year after death, or disability, and no later than five years after severance from employment.

Each installment is equal to the value of the participant's account at the time of the distribution, divided by the remaining number of installments to be paid; provided that, in the case of a participant with an account having a fair market value in excess of \$1,415,000, distribution of the participant's account will be made over one additional year (up to five years) for each \$280,000 or fraction thereof by which such account balance exceeds \$1,415,000.

For both ESOP and 401(k) accounts with a vested balance under \$7,000, the benefit may be paid in cash without participant consent.

On termination of employment, disability, death, or normal retirement age, a participant may elect from a variety of options to receive 401(k) benefit payments. The Plan provides for in-service distributions of participant deferrals and qualified employer contributions for participants who have attained age 59 ½. The Plan provides that hardship distributions may be made to eligible participants from pre-tax accounts and the vested portion of other accounts, except ESOP accounts. Distributions from vested amounts transferred or rolled over from another plan may be made by participant request at any time.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN, CONTINUED

Put option - Under Federal income tax regulations, the Company stock that is held by the Plan and its participants is not readily tradable on an established market, or is subject to trading limitations, includes a put option. The put option is a right to demand that the Company buy any shares of its stock distributed to participants for which there is no market. The put price is representative of the most recent appraised value of the stock. The Company can pay for the purchase with interest over a period not exceeding five years. The purpose of the put option is to ensure that the participant has the ability to ultimately obtain cash.

Diversification - Diversification is offered to participants close to retirement so that they may have the opportunity to move part of the value of their investment in Sponsor common stock into investments which are more diversified. Participants who are at least age 55 with at least 10 years of participation in the Plan may elect to diversify a portion of their account. Diversification is offered to each eligible participant over a six-year period. In each of the first five years, a participant may diversify up to 25% of the number of Company shares allocated to his or her account, less any shares previously diversified. In the sixth year, the percentage changes to 50%. Participants who elect to diversify will receive a cash distribution. Participants will be eligible to diversify after the Plan year ending December 31, 2026.

ESOP forfeitures - Forfeitures of ESOP balances are allocated to participants who are employed on the last day of the Plan year and have obtained 1,000 hours of service in the same manner as annual contributions. Forfeitures of terminated non-vested account balances allocated to remaining participants totaled \$3,308 for the Plan year ending December 31, 2024.

401(k) forfeitures - Forfeitures of 401(k) balances attributable to the nonvested portion of employer contributions may be used to pay Plan expenses or reduce future employer contributions. Forfeited nonvested accounts at December 31, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$29,705 and \$32,635, respectively. Forfeited nonvested accounts were not used during the year ended December 31, 2024.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting - The accompanying financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Use of estimates - The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP 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. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Allocations - The financial statements of the Plan present separately the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to (a) participants' 401(k) account balances; (b) the accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock (allocated); and (c) stock not yet allocated to employees, including shares that are committed to be released (unallocated). Shares are released from collateral and become allocated generally in the period in which debt service is actually paid.

Investment valuation and income recognition - The Plan's 401(k) investments are stated at fair value, except for the fully benefit-responsive group annuity contract, which is reported at contract value, as this is the amount at which Plan participants are able to transact. 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 measurements date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The shares of Company common stock are reported at estimated fair value as determined by annual independent appraisals. The per share market value at December 31, 2024 and 2023, was \$23.60 and \$34.20, respectively. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

Appreciation (depreciation) of Company common stock held in the ESOP asset accounts represents the change in fair value during the year as determined by the independent appraisal. Appreciation (depreciation) of investments held in 401(k) asset accounts includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Expenses of the Plan - Certain 401(k) participant transaction fees and administrative expenses are paid by the Plan; investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments. All other administrative expenses incurred by the Plan, including ESOP administrative expenses, are paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company are excluded from these financial statements.

Benefit payments - Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Uncertain tax positions - U.S. GAAP prescribes a comprehensive model for how an entity should measure, recognize, present, and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that the entity has taken or expects to take on a tax return. The Plan recognizes the tax benefits from uncertain tax positions if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position.

Subsequent events - The Plan has evaluated events, if any, that have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2024, through October 13, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and included information in the notes to the financial statements related to any identifiable events, if necessary.

KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

3. INVESTMENT IN THE PLAN SPONSOR COMPANY STOCK

The Plan's non-participant directed investments in common shares of the Plan Sponsor at December 31, are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u>
Number of shares of common stock	<u>16,754</u>	<u>80,529</u>	<u>15,022</u>	<u>83,046</u>
Cost	<u>\$ 16,754</u>	<u>80,529</u>	<u>15,022</u>	<u>83,046</u>
Estimated fair value	<u>\$ 395,394</u>	<u>1,900,491</u>	<u>513,751</u>	<u>2,840,168</u>

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

U.S. GAAP provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under U.S. GAAP are described as follows:

- Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- 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, and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS, CONTINUED

Mutual funds: Mutual funds are valued at the quoted net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end and, therefore, are classified as Level 1.

Plan Sponsor common stock: Value is determined based on an independent appraisal. The appraisal was based on a combination of earnings, book value and the financial condition of the Company. The Plan administrator, under the supervision of the Company's Board of Directors, determines the fair value measurement policies and procedures. Those policies and procedures are reassessed at least annually to determine if the current valuation techniques are still appropriate. At that time, the unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurements are evaluated and adjusted, as necessary, based on current market conditions and other third-party information.

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

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

	<u>Assets at Fair Value at December 31, 2024</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Plan Sponsor common stock	\$ -	-	2,295,885	2,295,885
Mutual funds	<u>8,950,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,950,694</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,950,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,295,885</u>	<u>11,246,579</u>

	<u>Assets at Fair Value at December 31, 2023</u>			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Plan Sponsor common stock	\$ -	-	3,353,919	3,353,919
Mutual funds	<u>7,613,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,613,168</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,613,168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,353,919</u>	<u>10,967,087</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS, CONTINUED

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

Balance, beginning of year	\$ 3,353,919
1,001 shares distributed	(26,830)
Net unrealized depreciation in fair value of Plan Sponsor common stock	<u>(1,031,204)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 2,295,885</u>

The Plan Sponsor common stock held by the Plan is reported at fair value based upon an appraisal. This appraisal was based upon a combination of the asset and income valuation techniques, as illustrated in the following table:

<u>Principal Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Unobservable Inputs</u>
Income	EBITDA Net income Discount rate Discount for lack of marketability
Asset	Revaluation of intangible assets Fair market value Discount for lack of marketability

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the independent appraiser changed its valuation methodology for the valuation of the Plan Sponsor common stock at fair value. The methodology transitioned from exclusively an income valuation technique for the year ended December 31, 2023 to a combination of the asset and income valuation technique for the year ended December 31, 2024. The independent appraiser believes the new methodology provides a more accurate representation of fair value. The change in valuation technique is considered a change in estimate and is accounted for prospectively.

The valuation process involves the selection of an independent appraiser. Plan management accumulates the data for the appraiser from historical and projected financial information of the Company. The appraiser prepares a report of estimated per share value that a participant will receive upon distribution. Management is provided with a draft of the report prior to a meeting with the trustee. Management provides the trustee with copies of the draft report, and a trustee meeting is scheduled to review the draft and ask questions of the appraiser and management. After all questions have been answered to the satisfaction of the trustee, the trustee approves a value for year-end accounting.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS, CONTINUED

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

5. INVESTMENTS AT CONTRACT VALUE

The Plan invests in a group annuity contract that meets the requirements to be considered fully benefit-responsive. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined-contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, as this is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

The Plan invests in the Key Guaranteed Portfolio Fund, a general account product offered by Great-West Life and Annuity Insurance Company. The interest crediting rate, which is reset quarterly, is calculated based on the earnings of the underlying assets in the entire medium-long term new portfolio compared to the minimum interest crediting rate, as stated in the contract, and prevailing market conditions. Key factors that could influence future interest crediting rates are changes in interest rates, and default or credit failures of the securities in the insurer's general assets. Past interest rates are not indicative of future interest rates.

Certain events, as noted in the contract, may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. The Plan does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable of occurring. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

The average yield earned by the Plan for the benefit responsive fund can be derived by averaging the quarterly gross interest rates for the fund over the year. The actual average yield earned by the Plan for the benefit responsive fund can be derived by averaging the Plan's quarterly interest rates. The average and actual yields for 2024 were both 1.41%.

6. LOAN PAYABLE

On April 3, 2017, the Plan entered into a note payable agreement with the Company in connection with the acquisition of the shares of the Plan Sponsor's common stock. The outstanding balance on the loan payable was \$90,581 and \$91,962 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The note payable is due in annual installments of \$5,069, including interest at 3% through April 2056, and is collateralized by the unallocated shares of Plan Sponsor common stock. The Plan Sponsor is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which equals the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its annual payments of principal and interest due on the note payable.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

6. LOAN PAYABLE, CONTINUED

Shares are released from collateral and allocated to participants when principal and interest payments are made. The number of shares released in any year is the number of shares held as collateral, multiplied by the ratio of the current year payments, divided by the total of this year's payments, plus all future years' principal and interest payments. This resulted in 2,516 shares being released and allocated for the Plan year ended December 31, 2024.

The scheduled amortization of the note is as follows:

2025	\$	1,446
2026		1,504
2027		1,564
2028		1,617
2029		1,691
Thereafter		<u>82,759</u>
	\$	<u>90,581</u>

7. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed an intent to do so, the Plan sponsor 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, the participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions, and the Plan Administrator would direct the trustee to pay all liabilities and expenses of the ESOP and to sell shares of the financed common stock held as collateral to the extent it determined such sale to be necessary in order to repay the loan. Subsequently, the interest of each participant in the trust fund will be distributed to such participant or his or her beneficiary at the time prescribed by the Plan terms and the IRC.

8. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated September 26, 2018, that the Plan is qualified and the related trust established under the Plan is tax-exempt under the appropriate sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the Plan Administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and they believe, therefore, that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt as of the financial statement date. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

9. PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in common stock of, and has a note payable to, the Company, and certain 401(k) Plan investments are managed by the custodians, and, therefore, these transactions qualify as related party and party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. As described in Note 1, the Company pays all Plan expenses related to the ESOP components of the Plan. The Plan has a number of service providers. Such service providers are parties-in-interest under ERISA.

10. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities, as well as the Plan Sponsor's common stock, which is exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks, as well as valuation assumptions based on earnings, cash flows, and other such techniques. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, as well as the common stock, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

11. CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to 401(k) investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, including participant investments held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and interest and dividends and the net appreciation in the fair value of 401(k) investments for the year ended December 31, 2024, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the Plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America and Empower Trust Company, LLC, the custodians of the Plan.

KNICKERBOCKER GROUP EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP AND 401(K) PLAN

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

EIN: 01-0389577 PLAN #: 002

DECEMBER 31, 2024

(a)	(b) identity of issue	(c) Description of investment including interest rate	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Knickerbocker Group, Inc.	97,283 shares of common stock	\$ 97,283	\$ 2,295,885
	AMERICAN CENTURY SMALL CAP GROWTH R6	Mutual Fund	**	272,043
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2015 TRGT DATE RETIRE R6	Mutual Fund	**	45,854
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2020 TRGT DATE RETIRE R6	Mutual Fund	**	97,301
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2025 TRGT DATE RETIRE R6	Mutual Fund	**	241,882
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2030 TRGT DATE RETIRE R6	Mutual Fund	**	485,733
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	COHEN & STEERS REAL ESTATE SECURITIES Z	Mutual Fund	**	147,911
	FIDELITY 500 INDEX	Mutual Fund	**	1,154,294
	FIDELITY ADVISOR VALUE STRATEGIES K	Mutual Fund	**	433,881
	FIDELITY MID CAP INDEX	Mutual Fund	**	152,107
	FIDELITY SELECT HEALTH CARE SVCS PORT	Mutual Fund	**	77,301
	FIDELITY SELECT UTILITIES PORTFOLIO	Mutual Fund	**	685
	FIDELITY SMALL CAP INDEX	Mutual Fund	**	297,798
	JPMORGAN EQUITY INCOME R6	Mutual Fund	**	886,705
	JPMORGAN LARGE CAP GROWTH R6	Mutual Fund	**	1,021,637
	MFS GLOBAL OPPORTUNISTIC BOND R6	Mutual Fund	**	68,019
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	VIRTUS KAR MID-CAP GROWTH A	Mutual Fund	**	252,234
*	KEY GUARANTEED PORTFOLIO FUND	Guaranteed interest account	**	158,164

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