

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

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

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

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC. 403(B) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 01/01/2016
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 13-3187792
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 212-964-2288
2d Business code (see instructions): 531110

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

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

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	237
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. .... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	139
	<b>6a(2)</b>	140
	<b>6b</b>	4
	<b>6c</b>	117
	<b>6d</b>	261
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	261
	<b>6g(1)</b>	231
<b>6g(2)</b>	254	
<b>6h</b>	12	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <b>ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC. 403(B) PLAN</b></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b></p>	
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC.</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>13-3187792</b></p>	

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

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
**PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
42-0127290	61271	613953	290	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

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

<b>(a)</b> Total amount of commissions paid <b>295</b>	<b>(b)</b> Total amount of fees paid <b>35</b>
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**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid  
**PRINCIPAL SECURITIES INC. 711 HIGH STREET  
DES MOINES, IA 50392-0001**

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
295			3

**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid  
**ASSOCIATED PENSION CONSULTANTS 401 BROADHOLLOW ROAD  
SUITE 403  
MELVILLE, NY 11747**

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0	35	REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE	3

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

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

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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>	
	Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.	
<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	115660
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	0
<b>6</b>	Contracts With Allocated Funds:	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶ AS PER RATES OF DEPT OF INSURANCE	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>
<b>d</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other ▶ CUSTODIAL GUARANTEED INTEREST CONTRACT	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b> 71933
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b> 35121
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b> 0
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b> 664
	(4) Transferred from separate account .....	<b>7c(4)</b> 0
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ LOAN PAYMENT, CORRECTION, OUTSIDE INVESTMENT TRANSFER	<b>7c(5)</b> 77059
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b> 112844
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b> 184777
<b>e</b>	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	<b>7e(1)</b> 0
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b> 155
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b> 0
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ MISTAKE OF FACT REFUND, LOAN WITHDRAWAL, CORRECTION	<b>7e(4)</b> 68962
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b> 69117	
<b>f</b>	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....	<b>7f</b> 115660

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

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

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC. 403(B) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>13-3187792</b>	

**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)

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.

42-0127290

(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 37 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	89536	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

PRINCIPAL SECURITIES INC.

42-0941553

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
49 55 99	OTHER SERVICES	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	27422	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

WILSHIRE ADVISORS LLC

95-2755361

(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 72	INVESTMENT ADVISORY	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
PRINCIPAL SECURITIES INC.	49 55 99	27422

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  42-0127290	COMMISSIONS AND REFERRAL/SERVICE FEE

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
WILSHIRE ADVISORS LLC	27 72	0

(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.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  42-0127290	1 BASIS POINT ANNUALLY ON ELIGIBLE PLAN ASSETS IN WILSHIRE 3(21) OR WILSHIRE 3(21) AUTO-EXECUTE FIDUCIARY SERVICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Explanation:

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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC. 403(B) PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>13-3187792</b>

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	94027	84131
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	30598	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	0	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	36422	64973
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	0	0
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	0	0
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	5050566	6670502
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	71933	115660
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	0	0
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	5283546	6935266
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	0	0
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	0	0
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	0	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	5283546	6935266

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

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

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	366774	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	921205	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	5003	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	1292982
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	0	4412
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	4412	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	0	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	182917
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	182917	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		
(3) Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		525316
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		2005627

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	263367	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>	0	
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		263367
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		0
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		1004
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>	89536	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>	0	
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>	0	
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>	0	
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		89536
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		353907

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		1651720
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		0
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		0

**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: CBIZ CPAS P.C

(2) EIN: 43-1947695

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	X		288036
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

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

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

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

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

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

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>13-3187792</u>	

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

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

1		0
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**2** Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):  
 EIN(s): 42-0127290

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

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

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

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500385A.



**ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC.  
403(b) PLAN**



**Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules  
(Together with Independent Auditors' Report)**

**Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023**

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All other schedules are omitted as they are not applicable or are not required based on the disclosure requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as amended, and applicable regulations issued by the Department of Labor (“DOL”).

## **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Board of Directors as Sponsor and Participants  
of the Asian Americans for Equality, Inc. 403(b) Plan

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

We have performed the audits of the financial statements of the Asian Americans for Equality, Inc. 403(b) 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 statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### ***Opinion***

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

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

### ***Basis for Opinion***

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

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

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

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In our opinion:

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

*CBIZ CPAs P.C.*

New York, New York  
October 10, 2025

**ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC. 403(b) PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Investments, at fair value (Notes 2C, 3 and 5)	\$ 6,670,502	\$ 5,050,566
Investments, at contract value (Notes 2C, 3 and 4)	115,660	71,933
Total investments	6,786,162	5,122,499
Receivables:		
Employee contributions (Note 1C)	-	30,598
Employer contributions (Notes 1C and 10)	84,131	94,027
Notes receivable from participants (Notes 1G, 2D and 3)	64,973	36,422
Total receivables	149,104	161,047
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 6,935,266</b>	<b>\$ 5,283,546</b>

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

**ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC. 403(b) PLAN  
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:</b>		
Investment income (Notes 2C and 3):		
Interest and dividends	\$ 182,917	\$ 77,685
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	525,316	565,362
Total investment income	708,233	643,047
Interest income on notes receivable from participants (Notes 1G, 2D and 3)	4,412	3,583
Contributions (Note 1C):		
Employee	921,205	741,201
Employer	366,774	275,749
Rollovers	5,003	315,551
Total contributions	1,292,982	1,332,501
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>2,005,627</b>	<b>1,979,131</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:</b>		
Benefits paid to participants (Notes 1H and 2E)	263,367	60,734
Deemed distributions (Note 2D)	1,004	10,279
Administrative expenses (Note 2F)	89,536	34,029
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>353,907</b>	<b>105,042</b>
<b>NET INCREASE</b>	1,651,720	1,874,089
<b>Net Assets Available for Benefits:</b>		
Beginning of Year	5,283,546	3,409,457
<b>End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 6,935,266</b>	<b>\$ 5,283,546</b>

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

**ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC. 403(b) PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following description of Asian Americans for Equality, Inc. 403(b) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Readers should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

- A. **General** — The Plan is an elective deferral contributory defined contribution plan covering all employees of Asian Americans for Equality, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the “Company” or “Sponsor”) that adopted the Plan. It was established January 1, 2016 and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). Effective January 1, 2020, the Plan was amended and restated as required by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”). The following description of the Plan has been updated to reflect any changes.
- B. **Eligibility** — The Plan covers all employees, as defined, employed by Asian Americans for Equality, Inc. or any affiliate who has adopted the Plan. In order to receive matching contributions and non-elective contributions, a participant must have attained the age of 21. For non-elective contributions and matching contributions, there is a service requirement of three consecutive months.
- C. **Contributions** — Each year, participants of the Plan may contribute up to 100 percent of pre-tax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, up to the amount allowed under the IRS rules. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year, and who are making regular contributions, are eligible to make catch-up contributions. The Plan does accept rollovers and transfers from other qualified plans, but only for those employees eligible to participate in the Plan and in accordance with federal rules. Effective January 1, 2016, the Plan was amended to allow Roth contributions to the Plan by the employees.

The Plan has an automatic deferral feature – if an employee does not respond to the deferral election request – the employee is deemed to have made an elective deferral election in the amount of 6% of eligible compensation to be increased in the following manner: 1% increase each year beginning the second year up to a maximum of 10%. These contributions are invested in a Fixed Income Guaranteed Option Fund until changed by the participant. The employee will have 90 days to withdraw automatic contributions which will be adjusted for any gain or loss and subject to federal income tax.

If participants are employed by the Company and are making elective deferrals, the Sponsor, at its own discretion, makes a matching contribution on participants’ behalf in an amount determined by the Sponsor. Matching contributions are allocated to participants’ accounts each pay period.

The Plan has a discretionary match, which is a maximum of 2% for those employees contributing a minimum of 2% to the Plan. In addition, the Plan provides a 1% employer annual contribution for each participant that has worked at least 1,000 hours for the year, as of January 1, 2021. Previously, the requirement was 500 hours.

- D. **Participant Accounts** — Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the employer's contribution and (b) Plan earnings. Participants' accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specified participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions to a variety of investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options at any time.
- E. **Vesting** — The total value of an employee contributions balance is fully and immediately vested. The employer matching and non-elective employer contribution vests as follows:

<b><u>Years of Vesting Service</u></b>	<b><u>% Vested</u></b>
Less than One Year	0%
One Year but less than Two Years	20%
Two Years but less than Three Years	40%
Three Years but less than Four Years	60%
Four Years but less than Five Years	80%
Five or More Years	100%

**ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC. 403(b) PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)**

- F. **Forfeitures** — Participants who terminate employment before they are fully vested will forfeit their interest in the employer’s contribution portion. Forfeited accounts are generally used to reduce future employer contributions. Forfeitures amounted to \$14,308 and \$10,098 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and were used to reduce employer contributions and/or administrative expenses. Employer contributions were reduced by \$1,096 and \$7,560, and administrative expenses were reduced by \$6,123 and \$2,538 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- G. **Notes Receivable from Participants** — Participants may obtain loans from the Plan. The maximum loan is the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the participant’s vested account balance. Loan repayments are made through payroll deductions over a period that may not exceed five years, unless the loan is used to buy a principal residence for the participant. Participants may only have one loan outstanding at a time.
- H. **Payment of Benefits** — Upon termination of service, a participant is entitled to receive a distribution equal to the value of the participant’s vested interest in his or her account in one lump-sum payment. When an employee reaches the age of 65 (normal retirement age), the employee may provide the Plan with an election of the timing and the amount of benefits. Benefits due to death may be distributed over a period of time not to exceed the life expectancy of the beneficiary commencing on or before December 31 of the calendar year immediately following the calendar year of the participant’s death. If the participant dies after the distributions have begun, the remaining portion of the account will continue to be distributed under the previously elected method of distribution.
- I. **Hardship Withdrawals** — Participants may withdraw all or a portion of their contributions to the extent necessary to meet a “financial hardship” as provided by the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”). Hardship withdrawals are permitted by the Plan for the purchase of a principal residence, for uninsured medical expenses, for postsecondary education and for such other safe harbor reasons outlined in the IRC.
- J. **Regulatory Compliance Affecting Retirement Plans** — The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE 1.0 Act) became law on December 20, 2019. The SECURE Act made major changes to the Required Minimum Distribution (“RMD”) rules, increasing the age from 70 ½ to 72 to participants over 72 after January 1, 2020. Plans were required to be formally amended for certain other changes if adopted on or before the last day of the 2023 plan year.

The SECURE Act 2.0 (SECURE 2.0) was signed into law in December 2022, delivering dozens of new retirement-related provisions. These changes build on the original SECURE Act of 2019, which altered the rules around how employees can save and withdraw money from their retirement accounts. SECURE 2.0 further increased the age of RMDs, increased the catch-up contributions for older workers and required automatic enrollment for new plans. The SECURE 2.0 Act increased the age at which individuals must begin taking RMDs to 73 from 72, beginning January 1, 2023 as well as other increases starting in 2030. The SECURE 2.0 Act increases the limit for catch-up contributions for individuals ages 60 to 63, effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.

In addition, the SECURE 1.0 Act and further by the SECURE 2.0 Act lowered the eligibility requirements to enable part-time workers to participate in 401(k) plans. These rules for long-term, part-time workers are expanded to apply to ERISA 403(b) plans, as well. The SECURE 2.0 Act changes the eligibility requirements under 401(k) so that it is easier for part-time employees to participate in them. The enacted law, the SECURE 1.0 Act, allows plans to limit eligibility for participation of part-time employees who reach the later of: (1) age 21 or completion of one 12-month period in which the employee worked at least 1,000 hours (pre-SECURE 1.0 Act rule); or (2) three consecutive years of service with 500 or more hours in each year. Under the SECURE 2.0 Act, a plan must allow a part-time employee to participate if the employee has either satisfied the above rule #1, or if the employee has completed two consecutive 12-month periods in which the employee worked at least 500 hours in each one of the two periods and reached age 21 by the end of the second 12-month period.

**ASIAN AMERICANS FOR EQUALITY, INC. 403(b) PLAN**  
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**DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- A. **Basis of Accounting** — The Plan prepares its financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. The Plan adheres to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”).
- B. **Use of Estimates** — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- C. **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition** — Investments, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for a 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. Net appreciation includes the Plan’s gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Fully benefit-responsive investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are reported at contract value. 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 because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

- D. **Notes Receivable from Participants** — Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued, but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are charged to the participant account. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Sponsor deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded. Deemed distributions amounted to \$1,004 and \$10,279 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.
- E. **Payment of Benefits** — Benefits are recorded when paid.
- F. **Expenses** — Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Sponsor. Expenses that are paid by the Sponsor are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participants’ account and are included in administrative expenses. The administrative expenses charged by Principal Life Insurance Company (“Principal”), the custodian of the Plan, amounted to \$95,659 and \$34,029 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS – INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE CUSTODIAN AS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE**

As noted in the independent auditors’ report, the Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor’s *Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure* under ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the following information was certified as complete and accurate by Principal and was not subjected to any auditing procedures performed by the independent auditors except for comparing such information to information included in the Plan’s financial statements.

Principal has certified to the completeness and accuracy of the investments included in the financial statements as of December 31.

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**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS – INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE CUSTODIAN AS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE (Continued)**

The following information, included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule, was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by the custodian:

Fair value:	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Mutual Funds	<u>\$ 6,670,502</u>	<u>\$ 5,050,566</u>
Contract value:		
Guaranteed Investment Contract	<u>\$ 115,660</u>	<u>\$ 71,933</u>

Investment income consisted of the following for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ 182,917	\$ 77,685
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>525,316</u>	<u>565,362</u>
Total investment income	<u>\$ 708,233</u>	<u>\$ 643,047</u>

Notes receivable from participants of \$64,973 and \$36,422 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and interest income on notes receivable from participants of \$4,412 and \$3,583 for the years then ended, respectively, have also been certified by the custodian.

**NOTE 4 – FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT**

The Plan has a fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract with Principal. Principal maintains the contributions in a general account, which is credited with earnings and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The guaranteed investment contract is included in the financial statements at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus transfers to the fund and credited interest, less participant withdrawals, transfers out of the fund and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The guaranteed investment contract does not have any restrictions that impact the ability of the Plan to collect the full contract value. Plan management believes that the occurrence of events that would cause the Plan to transact at less than contract value is not probable. Principal may not terminate the contract at any amount less than the contract value. The composite crediting rate for the contract as of both December 31, 2024 and 2023 was 0.90%. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

Certain events may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value. An employer-level liquidation or employer-initiated transfer of the Plan's interest in the contract will be subject to a five percent surrender charge, whichever the employer chooses. Participant-initiated transfers from the contract may also be subject to the five percent surrender charge when the transfers are requested in anticipation of the employer-level liquidation of the Plan's interest in the contract. If this scenario occurs, the surrender charges will be billed to the employer. The Plan administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants are probable of occurring. The Plan Sponsor believes that it is unlikely that these events will occur.

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

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**NOTE 5 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (“FASB ASC”) 820, “Fair Value Measurement,” 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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

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 assets or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a 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 measurements.

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

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

**Mutual Funds**

Mutual funds are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily Net Asset Value (“NAV”) per share and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

The preceding method 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.

All of the Plan's financial assets that are reported at fair value are categorized as Level 1 and consisted of mutual funds that amounted to \$6,670,502 and to \$5,050,566 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**Changes in Fair Value Levels**

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period.

The Plan evaluates the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no transfers.

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**NOTE 6 – PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Sponsor has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100 percent vested in their employer contributions and the balance of participant accounts will be distributed in a lump sum or by delivery of a fully paid annuity contract as permitted by IRS regulations.

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

Certain of the Plan's investments are products of Principal. Principal is the custodian of the Plan. Fees paid by the Plan to Principal for investment management services and bookkeeping services were included as a reduction of the return on each fund. In addition, the Plan pays certain contract administrator fees to Principal. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

**NOTE 8 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

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

**NOTE 9 – TAX STATUS**

The Company has adopted a pre-approved plan document that has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated March 31, 2017, stating that the form of the pre-approved plan document was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Although, the Plan has been amended since adopting the pre-approved plan document, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**NOTE 10 – DELINQUENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND LOAN REPAYMENTS**

In accordance with the Department of Labor's Regulation 2510.3102, an employer is required to segregate participants' contributions and loan repayments from its general assets as soon as practical, but in no event more than the 15th business day following the end of the pay period in which amounts are contributed by participants or withheld from their wages for a pension benefit plan such as the 403(b) Plan.

Contributions for certain payroll periods in 2024 amounting to \$286,153, and payroll adjustments for employee and Roth deferrals amounting to \$1,883 were not remitted by the Sponsor to the recordkeeper within the period prescribed by the Department of Labor regulations. The Sponsor agreed to absorb all costs incurred by the Plan because of the untimely remittance of the contributions and will correct such delinquency through the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program of the Department of Labor.

Contributions for certain payroll periods in 2023 amounting to \$2,376 were not remitted by the Sponsor to the recordkeeper within the period prescribed by the Department of Labor regulations. Subsequent to year end, the Plan Sponsor absorbed all costs incurred by the Plan because of the untimely remittance of the contributions and corrected such delinquency through the Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program of the Department of Labor.

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**NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated, for potential recognition and disclosure, events subsequent to the statement of net assets available for benefits date through October 10, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS**  
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Participant's Contributions Transferred Late to Plan		Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions		Total Fully Corrected Under Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program ("VFCP") and Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2002-51	
Check Here if	Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	Contributions not Corrected (2024)	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	(2023)	
No		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,376
Yes		288,036	-		-

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**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**  
**EIN: 13-3187792 PLAN: 001**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

(a)	Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party (b)	Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of investment, collateral, par or maturity value (c)	Cost ** (d)	Current value (e)
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2030 Fund	-	\$ 1,195,196
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LargeCap S&P 500 Index Fund	-	765,319
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2035 Fund	-	705,475
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2040 Fund	-	501,641
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2045 Fund	-	499,523
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2055 Fund	-	488,505
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2025 Fund	-	468,871
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2020 Fund	-	383,737
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2050 Fund	-	320,456
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal Lifetime 2060 Fund	-	235,503
	MFS Investment Management	MFS Blended Research Core Equity Fund	-	199,576
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal MidCap Growth Fund	-	162,671
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2065 Fund	-	135,381
*	AB/Brown/Emerald	Principal SmallCap Growth Fund I	-	122,355
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2015 Fund	-	113,475
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LargeCap Growth Fund I	-	64,158
*	Fidelity Investments	Fidelity Advisor Diversified International Fund	-	45,729
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal International Equity Index Fund	-	45,360
	PGIM Investments, LLC	PGIM High Yield Fund	-	38,724
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal SmallCap S&P 600 Index Fund	-	31,041
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal MidCap S&P 400 Index Fund	-	25,515
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal Real Estate Securities Fund	-	25,173
	Capital Research and Management Company	Amer Fnds Bnd Fnd of Am R3 Fnd	-	21,178
	Capital Research and Management Company	New World Fund Inc	-	14,501
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime Strategic Income Fund	-	13,957
	Invesco	Invesco Oppenheimer International Growth Fund	-	13,809
	MFS Investment Management	MFS Value Fund	-	12,156
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal SmallCap Value Fund II	-	11,660
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal MidCap Value Fund I	-	7,361
	Capital Research and Management Company	Capital World Bond Fund	-	1,303
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal Inflation Protection Fund	-	1,036
*	Principal Funds Inc	Principal LifeTime 2070 R3 Fund	-	157
	Total Investments at Fair Value			\$ 6,670,502
	Fully benefit-responsive investment contract			
*	Principal Life Insurance Company Fixed Inc Guar Option	Guaranteed Investment Contract - contract value		115,660
	Total Investments			\$ 6,786,162
*	Notes receivable from participants	Interest rate of 4.25% to 9.50% with maturity dates through 03/07/2029	\$ -	\$ 64,973

\* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

\*\* Cost information omitted with respect to participant or beneficiary-directed transactions.

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(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
	The American Funds	Registered Investment Company Am Fnds Bnd of Am R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,179.03
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Amer Funds Cap World Bd R3 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,303.37
	American Funds Service Company	Registered Investment Company Amer Funds New World R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,504.16
	Fidelity Investments	Registered Investment Company Fidelity Adv Div Intl M Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,497.17
	Oppenheimer	Registered Investment Company Inv Oppenheim Intl Grw R Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,810.09
	MFS Investment Management	Registered Investment Company MFS Blnd Rsch CoreEqty R2 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 199,577.24
	MFS Investment Management	Registered Investment Company MFS Value R2 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,158.24
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Insurance Company General Prin Fixed Inc Guar Option	\$ 0.00	\$ 115,659.98
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin Inflation Prot R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,036.19
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LargeCap Growth I R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 64,158.82
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin IgCap S&P 500 Idx R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 842,377.89
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime Str Inc R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,956.84
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2015 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,067.84
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2020 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 383,737.63
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2025 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 468,871.90

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(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2030 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,185,589.14
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2035 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 705,475.45
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2040 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 501,641.48
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2045 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 499,523.32
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2050 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 396,411.21
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2055 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 487,710.51
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2060 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 235,486.78
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin LifeTime 2065 R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 135,381.27
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin MidCap Growth R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 162,671.56
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin MidCap S&P 400 Idx R3 Fd	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,515.36
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin MidCap Value I R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,361.27
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin Real Estate Secs R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,175.45
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin SmallCap Growth I R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 122,355.05
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin SmallCap Value II R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,660.93
*	Principal Funds Inc	Registered Investment Company Prin SmCap S&P 600 Idx R3 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 31,042.70



