

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, check here... [X] D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here... [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC. SECTION 403(B) PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 07/01/1993
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 06-0669111
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 860-242-2274
2d Business code (see instructions): 813000

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>	1877
<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>	955
	<b>6a(2)</b>	1007
	<b>6b</b>	0
	<b>6c</b>	1041
	<b>6d</b>	2048
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	2048
	<b>6g(1)</b>	1711
<b>6g(2)</b>	1798	
<b>6h</b>	64	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

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

**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)

**a Pension Schedules**

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

**b General Schedules**

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

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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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**SCHEDULE A  
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

**Insurance Information**

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).

OMB No. 1210-0110

**2024**

**This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC. SECTION 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>CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND</b>		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>06-0669111</b>

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

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier

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<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
<b>13-1624203</b>	<b>69345</b>	<b>500050</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>01/01/2024</b>	<b>12/31/2024</b>

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

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

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

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

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
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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 .....	13664590
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	19739913
<b>6</b>	<b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	<b>6c</b>
<b>d</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b> 14264297
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b> 224724
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	<b>7c(2)</b> 0
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	<b>7c(3)</b> 551199
	(4) Transferred from separate account .....	<b>7c(4)</b> 812610
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶ VARIOUS	<b>7c(5)</b> 2412
	(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b> 1590945
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b> 15855242
<b>e</b>	<b>Deductions:</b>	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	<b>7e(1)</b> 1534332
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	<b>7e(2)</b> 0
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	<b>7e(3)</b> 617255
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶ VARIOUS	<b>7e(4)</b> 39065
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b> 2190652	
<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> 13664590

**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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**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

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

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 64	NONE	66920	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	NONE	55164	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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06-0971998

(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?
10	NONE	23430	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13	NONE	20125	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>06-0669111</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>TIAA REAL ESTATE</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>TIAA-CREF</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
<u>13-1624203-004</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>1546929</u>	
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:			
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):			
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

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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>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	575567	568576
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	4800	0
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>		
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>		
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>		
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>		
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	1200071	1489006
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>		
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	1546975	1546929
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>		
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>		
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	54171476	60218243
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	<b>1c(14)</b>	14264297	13664590
<b>(15)</b> Other.....	<b>1c(15)</b>		

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	71763186	77487344
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	71763186	77487344

**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>	3785915	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	2771878	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	99882	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		6657675
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	100434	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	551199	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		651633
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	1429121	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		1429121
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)		5923453
c Other income .....	2c		818
d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d		14662700

**Expenses**

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	8471013	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	2e(2)	187930	
(3) Other .....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....	2e(4)		8658943
f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g		119595
h Interest expense .....	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	152722	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	4392	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees .....	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses .....	2i(11)	2890	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)		160004
j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j		8938542

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k		5724158
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan .....	2l(2)		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **GUILMARTIN, DIPIRO & SOKOLOWSKI LLC**

(2) EIN: **06-0971998**

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

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

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

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

During the plan year:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC. SECTION 403(B) PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>06-0669111</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..... 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<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 03 / 31 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500567A.

**THE CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC.  
SECTION 403(b) PLAN**

**Financial Statements and Supplementary Information  
with Independent Auditor's Report**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**THE CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC. SECTION 403(b) PLAN**

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Board of Directors  
The Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc. Section 403(b) Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of The Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc. Section 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). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of The Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc. Section 403(b) 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 a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

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

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc. Section 403(b) 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 Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc. Section 403(b) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc. Section 403(b) 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 Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc. Section 403(b) 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 certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

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

**Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

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

In forming our opinion on the supplemental 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 the institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

*Guilmetti, DiPiro & Sokolowski LLC*

Middletown, Connecticut

October 14, 2025

**THE CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC. SECTION 403(b) PLAN**

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Investments	\$ 64,653,280	\$ 58,583,815
Investments, at contract value	<u>10,776,482</u>	<u>11,398,933</u>
	<u>75,429,762</u>	<u>69,982,748</u>
Receivables:		
Employer contribution	568,576	580,367
Participant loans receivable	<u>1,764,806</u>	<u>1,447,095</u>
Total receivables	<u>2,333,382</u>	<u>2,027,462</u>
Total assets	<u>77,763,144</u>	<u>72,010,210</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 77,763,144</u>	<u>\$ 72,010,210</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**THE CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC. SECTION 403(b) PLAN**

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

**For the year ended December 31, 2024**

	<u>2024</u>
Additions:	
Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 5,929,385
Interest income	551,199
Dividend income	1,429,121
Other income	<u>818</u>
Total investment income	<u>7,910,523</u>
Interest income on participant loans receivable	<u>111,898</u>
Contributions:	
Employer	3,785,915
Participants	2,771,878
Rollover	<u>99,882</u>
Total contributions	<u>6,657,675</u>
Total additions	<u>14,680,096</u>
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	8,767,158
Administrative expenses	<u>160,004</u>
Total deductions	<u>8,927,162</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	5,752,934
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>72,010,210</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 77,763,144</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# THE CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC. SECTION 403(b) PLAN

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc. Section 403(b) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

#### General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established to provide retirement benefits in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) under Section 403(b) for employees of The Connecticut Institute for the Blind, Inc. (CIB) and Easter Seals Connecticut, a related employer (collectively referred to as the Organization). All employees of CIB and Easter Seals Connecticut are eligible to make pre-tax and Roth contributions upon hire. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

#### Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100% of compensation, as defined in the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified retirement plans (rollovers). The Organization also provides a fixed employer contribution of 5% of eligible compensation for all employees who have reached the age of 21 and completed one year of service. However, due to the enhanced benefit package received in 2024, the Organization gave an additional 4.50% to employees who met the criteria listed above. All contributions are subject to certain limitations imposed by the Plan and the IRC.

#### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the employer's contributions and Plan earnings, and charged with specific costs for Plan transactions. Allocations of the Organization's contributions, investment income and administrative expenses are based on participants' compensation or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

#### Investment Options

Participants may direct their contributions into any of the funds offered by the Plan, which are held at Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association - College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF). These accounts include a variety of investment options with various objectives and degrees of financial risk.

#### Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their deferral and rollover contributions, including the earnings on those amounts. Vesting in the Organization's contributions portion of their accounts (as adjusted for earnings and losses) is based on years of continuous service. Participants are fully vested in employer contributions (as adjusted for earnings and losses) upon the completion of five years of service. Participants are also fully vested upon reaching normal retirement age, or upon termination of employment due to death or disability.

#### Plan Loans

During and prior to the Plan year ended December 31, 2018, Plan management maintained a facility for which participants were able to obtain Plan loans based on their pre-tax deferral accounts. The loans were allowed at a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loans were further limited based on the participant's account balance and restrictions included in annuity contracts and Plan provisions. Loan terms ranged from one to five years except for loans to purchase a primary residence, which were offered over a term of up to ten years. The loans are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts. Loans bear interest at rates that may be fixed or variable depending on the TIAA-CREF contract. The loans currently bear interest

# THE CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC. SECTION 403(b) PLAN

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### Plan Loans, continued

at rates ranging from 4.25% to 7.65% issued directly from funds owned by TIAA-CREF and administered by TIAA-CREF directly with the participants outside of the Plan. These outstanding loans are not included as assets of the Plan as they are owed directly to TIAA-CREF by the Plan participants.

These outstanding loans were \$465,101 and \$711,580 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Included in these amounts are loans in default at December 31, 2024 and 2023, totaling \$463,630 and \$705,165, respectively. These balances represent situations where the participant has defaulted on the terms of the loan agreement but has not yet incurred a distributable event. Therefore, the investments securing these loans remain Plan assets until a distributable event occurs and TIAA-CREF may act on the collateral.

### Participant Loans Receivable

Participant loans are issued directly from the participant's account, unlike Plan loans that are issued directly from funds owned by TIAA-CREF. Participants may receive loans of up to 50% of their vested account balance. Amounts may be borrowed between \$1,000 and \$50,000, utilizing the participant's remaining account balance as security for the loan. The interest rate for any loan is calculated at current interest rates at the time of the loan using the prime rate per the Wall Street Journal plus 1.00%. Loans must be repaid within five years unless the loan is used for the purchase of a participant's primary residence, in which case the loan may be repaid under an alternative time frame as determined by the plan administrator. Participants who do not repay their loans under certain circumstances, as defined in the Plan, will be deemed to have received a distribution for federal income tax purposes under the Plan.

### Hardship Withdrawals

In the event of financial hardship, as defined under the Plan and under current Internal Revenue Service regulations, participants are permitted to receive hardship withdrawals of their own elective deferrals.

### Payment of Benefits

On severance of service due to death, disability, termination or retirement, a participant may receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. In the event of a participant's death before termination of employment and before distribution of benefits has begun, a participant will become 100% vested and the amount of the participant's account balance will be payable in a single lump-sum to the participant's beneficiary(ies).

Participants may withdraw their vested account balances once they reach age 59½. Other distribution methods under the Plan are available to beneficiaries depending on vested account balances.

### Forfeited Accounts

Forfeitures of fixed employer contributions are used to reduce the Organization's future employer contributions. Forfeited non-vested account balances totaled \$39,199 and \$68,395 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Organization's fixed contributions were reduced by \$93,121 from forfeited non-vested accounts for the year ended December 31, 2024.

### Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 14, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# THE CONNECTICUT INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, INC. SECTION 403(b) PLAN

## Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Use of Estimates**

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

#### **Investment Valuation and Income Recognition**

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

The Plan's investment committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians and insurance company. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

#### **Employer Contribution Receivable**

Employer contribution receivable is measured at the amount owed to participants by the Company at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### **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 recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### **Payment of Benefits**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

#### **Administrative Expenses**

The Plan is sponsored by the Organization. Personnel within the Organization perform various administrative services for the Plan, including maintenance of participant records. The payroll and related overhead costs associated with these services are not included as Plan expenses but are paid by the Organization. Expenses paid by the Plan consist of transaction-based fees, which are charged to the participants' accounts, Plan administration fees and Plan investment fees. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

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**NOTE 3 – INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY CUSTODIAN**

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedules was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified to as complete and accurate by TIAA-CREF, an insurance company holding and administering Plan investments.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Investments at fair value:		
Mutual funds	\$42,675,796	\$37,159,485
Variable annuities	17,542,447	17,011,991
Pooled separate accounts	1,546,929	1,546,975
Fixed annuity contract (non-benefit responsive)	<u>2,888,108</u>	<u>2,865,364</u>
	<u>64,653,280</u>	<u>58,583,815</u>
Investments at contract value:		
Fixed annuity contract (benefit responsive)	<u>10,776,482</u>	<u>11,398,933</u>
Participant loans receivable	<u>1,764,806</u>	<u>1,447,095</u>
	<u>\$77,194,568</u>	<u>\$71,429,843</u>

The net investment income of the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2024 is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$5,929,385
Interest and dividend income	1,980,320
Other income	<u>818</u>
	<u>\$7,910,523</u>

Interest income on participant loans receivable is \$111,898 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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

The Plan holds a portfolio of investment contracts that comprises a traditional investment contract. This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract; plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

The following represents the disaggregation of contract value between types of investment contracts held by the Plan.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Traditional investment contract	<u>\$10,776,482</u>	<u>\$11,398,933</u>

For traditional investment contracts, the Plan owns only the contract itself. Traditional investment contracts are designed to accrue interest based on crediting rates established by the contract issuers.

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### Fully Benefit-responsive Investment Contracts, continued

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

The following events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. Premature termination of the contracts.
3. Plan termination or merger.
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options.
5. Bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, the following events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines.
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract.
3. A material misrepresentation.
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

### NOTE 5 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of 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 asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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### **Fair Value Measurements, continued**

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value:

#### ***Fixed Annuity Contracts***

Following guidance provided by TIAA-CREF, management has determined that contract value approximates fair value for its fixed annuity contracts that are not fully benefit-responsive. Therefore, the non-fully benefit-responsive TIAA Traditional Annuity account balances are reported at contract value. Contract value represents the accumulation of contributions made under the contract, plus guaranteed and additional interest, less funds used to pay benefits and administrative expenses of the contract.

The conclusion that contract value approximates fair value for the TIAA Traditional Annuity is supported by two approaches, (1) the theoretical transfer of assets owned by a pension plan, and (2) a quantitative model based on assumptions of future interest rates and related discounted cash flows.

The first approach considers transactions in the TIAA Traditional Annuity to occur in a theoretical marketplace given the number of plans and participants served by TIAA-CREF. It recognizes participants with a number of investment choices willingly transact at contract value on a daily basis in the TIAA Traditional Annuity. When participants change employers, they continue to willingly invest at contract value in the TIAA Traditional Annuity if it is offered in their new plan. Lastly, when distributable events occur, participants settle their contracts with a cash payout based on the contract value.

For the second approach, TIAA-CREF has studied its data and found a strong correlation between the blended return on TIAA Traditional Annuity contracts compared to the 10-year risk-free rate derived from U.S. Treasury yields and average AAA corporate credit spreads. Differences in the credit spreads from corporate bonds are assumed to represent the overall liquidity of the TIAA Traditional Annuity, and those associated U.S. Treasury yields represent a credit spread for a highly rated insurance company. Thus, the interest rate used to discount future cash flows under a TIAA Traditional Annuity contract would approximate the contract's crediting rate and the present value would, therefore, approximate current contract value.

Because participants transact at contract value, the fair value approaches and assumptions related to the TIAA Traditional Annuity are only reviewed annually for financial reporting purposes. In determining the reasonableness of the fair value methodology, the finance committee reviews the crediting rates on existing contracts held by the Plan, current economic conditions and rates of return, the financial status of TIAA-CREF and similar factors that could impact the above approaches.

#### ***Mutual Funds***

Mutual funds are valued at the quoted price of shares held by the Plan at year end.

#### ***Variable Annuities***

Variable annuities are stated at their net asset value as reported by independent pricing sources based on the fair value of the underlying assets and liabilities at the measurement date. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

#### ***Pooled Separate Accounts***

The pooled separate account is stated at its net asset value as reported by the investment manager of the fund based on the fair value of the underlying assets and liabilities at the measurement date. The net asset value is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

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**Fair Value Measurements, continued**

There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024					
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	Investments Measured at Net Asset Value <sup>(a)</sup>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed annuity contracts (non-fully benefit-responsive)	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,888,108	\$ -	\$ 2,888,108
Mutual funds	<u>42,675,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,675,796</u>
Total investments at fair value	<u>42,675,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,888,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,563,904</u>
Variable annuities	-	-	-	17,542,447	17,542,447
Pooled separate accounts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,546,929</u>	<u>1,546,929</u>
Total investments	<u>\$42,675,796</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$2,888,108</u>	<u>\$19,089,375</u>	<u>\$64,653,280</u>

Assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023					
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	Investments Measured at Net Asset Value <sup>(a)</sup>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed annuity contracts (non-fully benefit-responsive)	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,865,364	\$ -	\$ 2,865,364
Mutual funds	<u>37,159,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,159,485</u>
Total investments at fair value	<u>37,159,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,865,364</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,024,849</u>
Variable annuities	-	-	-	17,011,991	17,011,991
Pooled separate accounts	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,546,975</u>	<u>1,546,975</u>
Total investments	<u>\$37,159,485</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$2,865,364</u>	<u>\$18,558,966</u>	<u>\$58,583,815</u>

<sup>(a)</sup> Certain investments that are measured using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, there was \$118,387 and \$23,247 transferred in, respectively, and \$73,665 and \$23,271 transferred out, respectively, of level 3 investments. Transfers between levels due to changes in inputs are considered to take place at the date of change.

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**Fair Value Measurements, continued**

The following table presents information about significant unobservable inputs related to the Plan's investment in assets categorized as level 3 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

December 31, 2024					
<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Principal Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Unobservable Inputs</u>	<u>Range of Significant Input Values</u>	<u>Weighted Average</u>
TIAA Traditional Annuity	\$2,888,108	Discounted cash flow Theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	RCP* 3.15% - 6.00%	Yes

  

December 31, 2023					
<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Principal Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Unobservable Inputs</u>	<u>Range of Significant Input Values</u>	<u>Weighted Average</u>
TIAA Traditional Annuity	\$2,865,364	Discounted cash flow Theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	RCP* 3.50% - 6.25%	Yes

\* Retirement Choice Plus Annuity

**Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value Per Share Practical Expedient**

The following tables summarize investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2024				
<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 1,546,929	N/A	Daily	90 Days
Variable annuities	17,542,447	N/A	Daily	90 Days

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**Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value Per Share Practical Expedient, continued**

December 31, 2023				
<u>Investment</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 1,546,975	N/A	Daily	90 Days
Variable annuities	17,011,991	N/A	Daily	90 Days

**NOTE 6 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are managed by TIAA-CREF. As described in Note 1, under Plan loans, TIAA-CREF provides Plan loans to participants which are secured by contracts and custodial accounts issued by these providers. TIAA-CREF is the custodian and recordkeeper for the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as related party and party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

PASI, LLC provides third party administrative services to the Plan for participant recordkeeping including census, compliance testing and annual report preparation. PASI, LLC receives fees from the plan sponsor for their contractual services. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Fiducient Advisors consults with management on policy and regulations and receives fees from the Plan and thus, qualifies as a party-in-interest.

Participant loans receivable totaled \$1,764,806 and \$1,447,095 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively and interest income on participant loans receivable totaled \$111,898 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Guilmartin, DiPiro & Sokolowski, LLC is the auditor of the Plan and is considered a party-in-interest as defined under ERISA.

All of these related party and party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

**NOTE 7 – TAX STATUS**

Management believes the Plan is designed and currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC).

The Plan, as of January 1, 2022 has been re-stated to conform to the volume submitter 403(b) prototype plan of PASI, LLC (referred to in Note 6 above). Their latest determination letter for its prototype plan is dated March 31, 2017, which the Organization is relying on with respect to qualification of its Plan. Although the Plan has been amended since the effective date of the determination letter, the plan administrator believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt based on the advice of PASI, LLC.

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

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**NOTE 8 – RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

**Investments**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as investment rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain 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' accounts and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**NOTE 9 – PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Organization 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% vested in their total account balances.

**NOTE 10 – RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500**

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

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$77,763,144	\$72,010,210
Notes receivable from participants recorded as deemed distributions for Form 5500	<u>(275,800)</u>	<u>(247,024)</u>
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$77,487,344</u>	<u>\$71,763,186</u>

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

	<u>2024</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$5,752,934
Notes receivable from participants recorded as deemed distributions for Form 5500	<u>(28,776)</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$5,724,158</u>

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**Schedule H, line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**

**December 31, 2024**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	<u>Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party</u>	<u>Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Current Value</u>
*	TIAA Traditional Benefit Responsive	Fixed annuity contracts	**	\$ 6,786,188
*	TIAA Traditional Non Benefit Responsive	Fixed annuity contracts	**	2,888,108
*	TIAA Traditional Benefit Responsive 2	Fixed annuity contracts	**	3,526,664
	Plan Loan Default Fund	Fixed annuity contracts	**	463,630
*	CREF Stock R1	Variable annuity	**	5,939,889
*	CREF Money Market R1	Variable annuity	**	1,334,683
*	CREF Social Choice R1	Variable annuity	**	974,398
*	CREF Global Equities R1	Variable annuity	**	2,748,470
*	CREF Growth R1	Variable annuity	**	3,513,451
*	CREF Equity Index R1	Variable annuity	**	1,980,779
*	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R1	Variable annuity	**	459,310
*	TIAA Real Estate	Pooled separate account	**	1,546,929
*	CREF Core Bond R1	Variable annuity	**	591,465
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2010 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	309,749
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2015 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	718,357
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2020 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	2,422,071
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2025 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	5,065,978
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2030 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	6,318,666
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2035 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	5,842,798
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2040 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	4,214,782
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2045 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	3,608,166
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2050 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	3,573,829
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2055 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	2,420,320
	Nuveen Money Market Retirement	Mutual Fund	**	873,416
	AF EuroPacific Growth Fund R4	Mutual Fund	**	184,829
	Harding Loevner Emrg Mrkts Adv	Mutual Fund	**	273,232
	Metropolitan West Tot Ret Bd M	Mutual Fund	**	200,738
	T Rowe Price Value	Mutual Fund	**	973,238
	Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm	Mutual Fund	**	620,225
	Vanguard Extended Mkt Idx Adm	Mutual Fund	**	870,177
	American Century Sm Cap Val R6	Mutual Fund	**	170,384
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2065 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	132,018
*	CREF Social Choice R4	Mutual Fund	**	255,593
*	CREF Stock R4	Mutual Fund	**	394,944
	Vanguard 500 Idx Adm	Mutual Fund	**	1,529,438
	Vanguard Ttl Intl Stk Idx Adm	Mutual Fund	**	766,562
	Nuveen LfCycle Ix 2060 Retire	Mutual Fund	**	727,342
	PGIM Jennison Growth A	Mutual Fund	**	208,946
	Participant Loan Fund	Interest rates of 4.25% to 9.50% maturity dates ranging from January 2025 to November 2034.	0	<u>1,764,806</u>
	Total			<u>\$ 77,194,568</u>

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