

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

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).

2024

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

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

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 06/01/2024 and ending 05/31/2025

- A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan [X] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) [ ] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE (specify) \_\_\_\_
B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report [ ] an amended return/report [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. [ ]
D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension [ ] the DFVC program [ ] special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. [ ]

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 501
1c Effective date of plan: 06/01/1999
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 56-0340440
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 919-781-7979
2d Business code (see instructions): 522190

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>	2176
<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>	2176
	<b>6a(2)</b>	2101
	<b>6b</b>	17
	<b>6c</b>	0
	<b>6d</b>	2118
	<b>6e</b>	
	<b>6f</b>	
	<b>6g(1)</b>	
<b>6g(2)</b>		
<b>6h</b>		
<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:

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
4A 4D

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code 117236464

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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**

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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **06/01/2024** and ending **05/31/2025**

<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST</b>		<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>501</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION INC.</b>		<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>56-0340440</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  
**BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH CAROLINA**

<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>56-0894904</b>	<b>54631</b>	<b>NCBANKER9001</b>	<b>3535</b>	<b>06/01/2024</b>	<b>05/31/2025</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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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**  
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

**b** Premiums paid to carrier ..... **6b**

**c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year ..... **6c**

**d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... **6d**  
 Specify nature of costs ▶

**e** Type of contract: (1)  individual policies (2)  group deferred annuity  
 (3)  other (specify) ▶

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

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

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

<b>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b>	
<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	
	<b>7c(2)</b>	
	<b>7c(3)</b>	
	<b>7c(4)</b>	
	<b>7c(5)</b>	
(2) Dividends and credits.....		
(3) Interest credited during the year.....		
(4) Transferred from separate account .....		
(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶		
(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	0
<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	0
<b>e</b> Deductions:		
	<b>7e(1)</b>	
	<b>7e(2)</b>	
	<b>7e(3)</b>	
	<b>7e(4)</b>	
(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year		
(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....		
(3) Transferred to separate account .....		
(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶		
(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>	0
<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>	0

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

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

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

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<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>	28908288
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....		<b>9b(2)</b>	
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) .....		<b>9b(3)</b>	28908288
(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>	27373726
<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>	1061738	
(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>		1061738
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....		<b>9c(2)</b>	2498431
<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>	600766
(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>	0
<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. .... Specify nature of costs.	<b>10b</b>	

**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)

COMMUNITY BANK SERVICES INC

3601 HAWORTH DRIVE  
RALEIGH, NC 27609

56-1268430

(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	THIRD PARTY ADMIN	1292451	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28478	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

FIRST STOP HEALTH

24 E. WASHINGTON ST., SUITE 875  
CHICAGO, IL 60602

45-1549256

(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	HEALTH MONITOR SERVICES	144125	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)

BUSINESSSOLVER.COM, INC

1025 ASHWORTH ROAD  
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50265

42-1503807

(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?
16	CONSULTING	139052	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"/>

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

HCMS GROUP

600 GRANT STREET  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

27-1478411

(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?
38	HEALTH INFO SERVICE	97261	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)

SCOTT INSURANCE

2501 BLUE RIDGE ROAD  
SUITE 250  
RALEIGH, NC 27607

54-0372970

(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?
73 56	ADVISORY SERVICES	59420	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28478	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

JOHNSON & LAMBERT

4242 SIX FORKS RD, SUITE 1500  
RALEIGH, NC 27609

52-1446779

(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	AUDIT AND TAX SERVICE	83511	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"/>

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

RUDD & WISDOM, INC.

9500 ARBORETUM BLVD.  
SUITE 200  
AUSTIN, TX 78759

74-1896655

(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?
11	ACTUARY	39380	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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(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?
29	LEGAL SERVICES	8436	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"/>

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

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

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

**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:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
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<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
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Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  ▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>06/01/2024</b> and ending <b>05/31/2025</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>501</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>56-0340440</b>

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

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	1229541	7464483
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>		
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>		
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	2245842	500129
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	6762999	4891156
<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>		
<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>		
<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>		
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>		
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	119569	4644

<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>	10357951	12860412
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	2354000	352088
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	743	67200
<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>	2354743	419288
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	8003208	12441124

**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>	32143571	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>		
(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>		32143571
<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>		
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	228586	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		228586
<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>		
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		0
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		32372157

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	22618767	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	<b>2e(2)</b>	2216441	
(3) Other .....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		24835208
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	<b>2i(2)</b>	2997901	
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	101132	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		3099033
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		27934241

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		4437916
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **CHERRY BEKAERT LLP**

(2) EIN: **56-0574444**

**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		1000000
<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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION  
HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

*As of and for the Year Ended May 31, 2025*

*And Report of Independent Auditor*

**NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST**  
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## Report of Independent Auditor

To the Board of Trustees  
North Carolina Bankers Association Health Benefit Trust  
Raleigh, North Carolina

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of North Carolina Bankers Association Health Benefit Trust (the "Trust"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), which comprise the statement of benefit obligations and net assets available for benefits as of May 31, 2025, and the related statement of changes in benefit obligations and net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial status of the Trust as of May 31, 2025, and the changes in its financial status for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit 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 Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our 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.

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 Trust'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

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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 Trust'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 Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule, Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i, as of May 31, 2025 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 ("DOL") 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 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

*Cherry Bekaert LLP*

Raleigh, North Carolina  
September 24, 2025

**NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS AND NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

MAY 31, 2025

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**BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

Estimated claims payable \$ 2,335,000

**ASSETS**

Cash 7,464,483

Investments, at fair value 4,891,156

Accrued interest receivable 25,129

Prepaid expenses 4,644

Refundable security deposit 475,000

Total Assets 12,860,412

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and other accrued expenses 352,088

Income tax payable 67,200

Total Liabilities 419,288

**Net Assets Available for Benefits** 12,441,124

Excess of net assets available for benefits  
over benefit obligations \$ 10,106,124

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

**NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS AND NET ASSETS AVAILABLE**  
**FOR BENEFITS**

YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2025

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Net change in benefit obligations	\$ 2,335,000
Net change in net assets available for benefits:	
Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Contributions	32,143,571
Interest income	228,586
Total Additions	<u>32,372,157</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Health claims	22,618,767
Stop-loss premium expense	2,216,441
Administrative expenses, net of miscellaneous refunds of \$126,338	2,997,901
Unrelated business income taxes	101,132
Total Deductions	<u>27,934,241</u>
Net change in net assets available for benefits	<u>4,437,916</u>
Increase in net assets available for benefits over benefit obligations	2,102,916
Excess of net assets available for benefits over benefit obligations:	
Beginning of year	<u>8,003,208</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 10,106,124</u></u>

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

# NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MAY 31, 2025

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### Note 1—Description of the Trust

The following description of the North Carolina Bankers Association Health Benefit Trust (the “Trust”) provides only general information about the Trust’s provisions. Participants should refer to the Trust documents for a complete description of the Trust’s provisions, copies of which may be obtained from North Carolina Bankers Association (the “Sponsor”).

*General* – The Sponsor established a self-funded multiple employer welfare association benefit trust on March 29, 1999. The Trust provides medical expense benefits for members of the Sponsor and member employers’ eligible employees and dependents. The Trust is subject to the provisions of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”) and is licensed to conduct business in the state of North Carolina as a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement.

*Benefits* – The Trust provides health benefits offered under several preferred provider organizations and high-deductible plans covering all eligible members that have elected to participate in the Trust.

*Contributions* – Participating employers pay the cost of healthcare benefits but may allocate part of the cost to their employees. The Sponsor determines the level of funding required by the participating employers.

*Administrative Expenses* – The Trust’s administrative expenses are paid by the Trust, as provided by the Trust document. These expenses are reported on the statements of changes in benefit obligations and net assets available for benefits as administrative expenses. Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the Sponsor. No such employee receives compensation from the Trust.

### Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies

*Basis of Accounting* – The accompanying financial statements of the Trust have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”).

*Use of Estimates* – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Sponsor to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, benefit obligations, and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

*Investments* – Investments held by the Trust are reported at fair value, which 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. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. See Note 3 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

*Refundable Deposits* – Refundable deposits consist of amounts paid by the Trust to third party service providers. Such amounts will eventually be refunded to the Trust or applied against future claims.

*Premiums Contributions* – Premium contribution revenues include amounts billed to participating employers of which the Trust has an unconditional right to receive.

*Health Claims and Benefit Obligations* – Health claims are recorded when incurred. Benefit obligations consist of an estimate for health claims incurred but not reported. This estimate is determined by the Trust’s actuary based on the Trust’s historical experience, a completion factor, which ranged from 0.6117 to 0.9969, and the number of participants.

**NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

MAY 31, 2025

**Note 2—Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Concentration of Credit Risk* – The Trust places its cash and cash equivalents on deposit with financial institutions in the United States of America. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation covers \$250,000 for substantially all depository accounts. The Trust from time to time may have amounts on deposit in excess of the federal depository insurance limit. These balances are maintained at financial institutions with high credit quality ratings, and the Trust believes no significant risk of loss exists with respect to those balances.

**Note 3—Fair value measurements**

U.S. GAAP defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs when measuring fair value.

The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

*Level 1* – Valuation is based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets;

*Level 2* – Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market; and

*Level 3* – Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use at least one significant assumption not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions reflect estimates of assumption that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques.

A financial instrument’s level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following are descriptions of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value. There were no changes during the year ended May 31, 2025 to the Trust’s valuation techniques used to measure asset and liability fair values on a recurring basis.

*Money Market Funds* – These investments are generally short-term money market funds valued using \$1 for the unit value. The custodian establishes the market and quotes the price, daily, that is available to market participants. This valuation method is a market approach. As such, these money market funds are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

*Certificate of Deposits* – Certificates of deposit are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. These are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

The following tables summarize financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis by classification within the fair value hierarchy as of May 31, 2025:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Money market funds	\$ 1,942,115	\$ -	\$ 1,942,115	\$ -
Certificates of deposit	2,949,041	-	2,949,041	-
	<u>\$ 4,891,156</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,891,156</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The Trust believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants; however, 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 report date.

# NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MAY 31, 2025

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### Note 4—Health claims

Health claims paid for the year ended May 31, 2025 consisted of the following:

Health claims paid	\$ 25,167,308
Less recovered claims	<u>(2,548,541)</u>
Net claims paid	<u><u>\$ 22,618,767</u></u>

### Note 5—Stop-loss coverage

The Trust is exposed to risk of loss from excessive claims. To minimize this risk, the Trust has obtained stop-loss insurance through a third party insurance company. Provisions of the agreement generally limit the Trust's claims liability under the Trust to \$250,000 per covered participant.

### Note 6—Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses incurred and paid by the Trust during the year ended May 31, 2025 were comprised of the following:

Accounting and actuarial expenses	\$ 125,017
Legal expenses	8,436
Bank service fees	2,810
Insurance premium expense	10,793
Wellness engagement expense	116,530
Wellness fixed costs	107,295
Community Bank Services fees	1,292,451
Administrative fees*	1,275,960
Miscellaneous expense	<u>58,609</u>
Total administrative expenses	<u><u>\$ 2,997,901</u></u>

\* Administrative fees paid to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, to KnovaSolutions for data analytics, to Scott Benefits for consulting expenses, and to Businessolver for online benefits administration.

### Note 7—Tax status

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Trust by letter dated April 8, 2000, that the Trust is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). The Trust has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the Sponsor believes the Trust, as amended, continues to meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(9) of the IRC and is exempt from income tax under Section 501(a) of the IRC of 1986. Investment income that exceeds the "set aside" amount is specifically taxable as unrelated business income. Accordingly, unrelated business income taxes have been recorded in the accompanying financial statements, as applicable.

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

# **NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*MAY 31, 2025*

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### **Note 8—Party-in-interest transactions**

Transactions resulting in Trust assets being transferred to or used by a related party are prohibited under ERISA unless a specific exemption applies. Certain trust investments are held by members of the North Carolina Bankers Association. As such, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Members holding Trust investments do not receive any compensation from the Trust for these transactions.

The Trust uses Community Bank Services, a subsidiary of the Sponsor, to handle administrative operations of the Trust. Fees paid to Community Bank Services by the Plan for administrative services were \$1,292,451 for the year ended May 31, 2025.

### **Note 9—Risks and uncertainties**

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

The estimated claims payable are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to claims experience and claim payment patterns for the Trust, which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimates and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

### **Note 10—Termination of the Trust**

Although it has not expressed an intention to do so, the Sponsor has the right under the Trust to amend or terminate the Trust at any time without the consent of, or notice to, any participant or beneficiary. Any such amendment shall be by a written resolution of a majority of the Board of Trustees and shall become effective as of the date specified in the enabling resolution. In the event of termination, Trust assets will be distributed in accordance with the Trust document.

### **Note 11—Subsequent events**

In accordance with U.S. GAAP related to subsequent events, the Trust has evaluated all events subsequent to the statement of benefit obligations and net assets available for benefits date of May 31, 2025 through September 24, 2025, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no subsequent events that require disclosure.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

**NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST**  
**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**  
**FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i**  
**EIN: 56-2138565, PLAN NUMBER: 501**

MAY 31, 2025

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost	Current Value
	<b>Certificate of Deposits:</b>			
*	First Carolina Bank	Certificate of deposit, 4.25% maturing August 2025	\$ 532,201	\$ 532,201
*	Piedmont Federal Bank	Certificate of deposit, 1.25% maturing December 2025	526,269	526,269
	Mechanics and Farmers Bank	Certificate of deposit, 3.05% maturing January 2026	538,329	538,329
*	Tarboro Savings Bank	Certificate of deposit, 3.20% maturing November 2026	539,710	539,710
	Live Oak Bank	Certificate of deposit, 4.40% maturing January 2026	812,532	812,532
	<b>Total Certificates of Deposit</b>		<u>2,949,041</u>	<u>2,949,041</u>
	<b>Money Market Accounts:</b>			
*	Nantahala Bank	Interest rate of 0.80%	508,988	521,600
	First National Bank	Interest rate of 3.33%	217,523	271,068
*	North State Bank	Interest rate of 2.90%	226,556	258,630
	First Horizon Bank	Interest rate of 2.78%	491,215	546,264
*	Towne Bank	Interest rate of 2.42%	271,703	344,553
	<b>Total Money Market Accounts</b>		<u>1,715,985</u>	<u>1,942,115</u>
	<b>Total Assets (Held at Year End)</b>		<u>\$ 4,665,026</u>	<u>\$ 4,891,156</u>

An asterisk (\*) in column (a) represents a party-in-interest to the Trust.

## Multiple-Employer Plan Participating Employer Information

**Name of Plan:**

NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST

**Employer Identification No.:** 56-2138565  
**Plan Year (beginning/ending)** 06/01/2024 - 5/31/2025 **Plan Number: 501**

(a) Name of Participating Employer	(b) EIN	(c) Percent of Total Contributions
American Bank & Trust	83-2832916	0.9%
Belmont Federal Savings	56-0138905	1.2%
Black Mountain Savings Bank	56-0142695	0.3%
BlueHarbor Bank	26-1665679	1.4%
Dogwood State Bank	35-02602114	8.8%
F&M Bank	56-0220355	4.2%
First Carolina Bank	20-0967347	22.5%
First Federal Bank	56-0680378	1.9%
First Federal Savings	56-0499280	3.8%
First Savings & Loan	560319795	0.4%
Hertford Savings Bank, SSB	56-0259952	0.1%
Jackson Savings Bank, SSB	56-0628727	0.2%
KS Bank, Inc.	56-0688557	3.7%
Lumbee Guaranty Bank	56-0990387	2.9%
M&F Bank	56-0319960	2.7%
Morganton Federal Savings	56-0327830	0.6%
Nantahala Bank & Trust Co.	04-3777694	1.8%
NCBA	56-0340440	1.2%
New Republic Savings Bank	56-2105187	0.9%
North State Bank	56-2183599	8.0%
Old North State Trust, LLC	56-1861608	1.5%
Providence Bank	20-4006556	5.0%
Riverside Savings Bank	56-0370020	0.6%
Roxboro Savings Bank	56-0384190	2.2%
Southern Bank	56-0132260	20.5%
Tarboro Savings Bank, SSB	56-0424070	0.3%
Taylorsville Savings Bank	56-0425630	0.8%
Triad Business Bank	84-4479810	1.5%

**NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION HEALTH BENEFIT TRUST**  
**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**  
**FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i**  
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MAY 31, 2025

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