

Form 5500-SF Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed 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-SF.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025	
A	This return/report is for: ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (not multiemployer) (Pension Plan filers checking this box must attach Schedule MEP. Other plans must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
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	Check box if filing under: ☐ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
D	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶ ☐
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 THE FRANKLIN GROUP, LLC CASH BALANCE PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2020
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) THE FRANKLIN GROUP, LLC PO BOX 31606 KNOXVILLE, TN 37930	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 01-0883915
		2c Sponsor's telephone number 865-409-2199
		2d Business code (see instructions) 236200
3a	Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor.	3b Administrator's EIN
		3c Administrator's telephone number
4	If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report. a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN
		4d PN
5a	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5a 8
b	Total number of participants at the end of the plan year	5b 7
c(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(1)
c(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	5c(2)
d(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	5d(1) 7
d(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	5d(2) 7
e	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	5e 1

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Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including, if applicable, a Schedule SB or Schedule MB completed and signed by an enrolled actuary, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	03/17/2026	KAREN A. FRANKLIN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

- 6a** Were all of the plan's assets during the plan year invested in eligible assets? (See instructions.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 577717. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	1620090	2080995
b Total plan liabilities	7b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	1620090	2080995
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)	300000	
(2) Participants	8a(2)	0	
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	184013	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		484013
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	6270	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f	16838	
g Other expenses	8g	0	
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		23108
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		460905
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristic Codes

- 9a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:
1A 1C 3D
- b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

Part V Compliance Questions

10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		100000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h			
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below.....	☒ Yes ☐ No
a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40.....	11a 0
b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, 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 _____	

12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.	☐ Yes ☒ No
a 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 letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	
If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.	
b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year	12b _____
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	12c _____
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	12d _____
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?.....	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year.....	13a _____	
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		
☐ Yes ☒ No		
c 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.)		
13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a 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	
14b 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	
15 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 <u>02 / 28 / 2023</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q705152A</u> .	

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF THE FRANKLIN GROUP, LLC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 01-0883915
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☒ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information			
1	Enter the valuation date: Month 12 Day 31 Year 2025			
2	Assets:			
a	Market value	2a	1771228	
b	Actuarial value	2b	1771228	
3	Funding target/participant count breakdown	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a	For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b	For terminated vested participants	0	0	0
c	For active participants	7	1616942	1616942
d	Total	7	1616942	1616942
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐			
a	Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b	Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5	Effective interest rate	5	5.08 %	
6	Target normal cost			
a	Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	309260	
b	Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0	
c	Target normal cost	6c	309260	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.

SIGN HERE	Signature of actuary LISA PENPEK Type or print name of actuary PENPEK ACTUARIAL CONSULTING, INC Firm name PO BOX 24553 KNOXVILLE, TN 37933 Address of the firm	03/16/2026 Date 23-06954 Most recent enrollment number 865-671-0534 Telephone number (including area code)
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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>6.12</u> %	0	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		77267
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.15</u> %		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		77267
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	109.54 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	108.03 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	105.69 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls**18** Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
05/09/2025	300000	0			
Totals ►			18(b)	300000	18(c) 0

19 Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	309768

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

- a** Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c** If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V	Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost
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21 Discount rate:			
a Segment rates:	1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.26 %	3rd segment: 5.70 %
			☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b Applicable month (enter code)			21b 0
22 Weighted average retirement age			22 62
23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)	☒ Prescribed - combined	☐ Prescribed - separate	☐ Substitute

Part VI	Miscellaneous Items
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24 Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☐ Yes ☒ No
25 Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☐ Yes ☒ No
26 Demographic and benefit information		
a Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☒ Yes ☐ No
b Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment.		☐ Yes ☒ No
27 If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment.	27	

Part VII	Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years
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28 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years	28	0
29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)	29	0
30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)	30	0

Part VIII	Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year
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31 Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):			
a Target normal cost (line 6c)	31a	309260	
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	154286	
32 Amortization installments:	Outstanding Balance	Installment	
a Net shortfall amortization installment	0	0	
b Waiver amortization installment	0	0	
33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount	33		
34 Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)	34	154974	
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0
36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	36	154974	
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	37	309768	
38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)			
a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	38a	154794	
b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances	38b	0	
39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)	39	0	
40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years	40	0	

Part IX	Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)
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41 If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies. ☐ 2019 ☐ 2020 ☐ 2021

Structured Attachment Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Schedule SB, line 26a Schedule of Active Participant Data	2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Name of Plan	The Franklin Group, LLC Cash Balance Plan						
Plan Year Begin Date	01/01/2025	Plan Year End Date	12/31/2025	EIN	01-0883915	PN	002

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	Under 1			1 to 4		
	Average			Average		
	No.	Compensation	Cash Balance	No.	Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25						
25 to 29				1		
30 to 34						
35 to 39				1		
40 to 44				1		
45 to 49						
50 to 54						
55 to 59						
60 to 64						
65 to 69						
70 and up						

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	5 to 9			10 to 14		
	Average			Average		
	No.	Compensation	Cash Balance	No.	Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25						
25 to 29						
30 to 34						
35 to 39	1					
40 to 44						
45 to 49						
50 to 54						
55 to 59						
60 to 64						
65 to 69						
70 and up						

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	15 to 19			20 to 24		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25						
25 to 29						
30 to 34						
35 to 39						
40 to 44						
45 to 49						
50 to 54	1					
55 to 59						
60 to 64	2					
65 to 69						
70 and up						

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	25 to 29			30 to 34		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25						
25 to 29						
30 to 34						
35 to 39						
40 to 44						
45 to 49						
50 to 54						
55 to 59						
60 to 64						
65 to 69						
70 and up						

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	35 to 39			40 and up		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25						
25 to 29						
30 to 34						
35 to 39						
40 to 44						
45 to 49						
50 to 54						
55 to 59						
60 to 64						
65 to 69						
70 and up						

Schedule SB, Part V

Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

The Franklin Group, LLC Cash Balance Plan

01-0883915 / 002

For the plan year 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

Valuation Date: 12/31/2025

Funding Method: As prescribed in IRC Section 430
Age - Eligibility age at last birthday and other ages at last birthday

Prospective Compensation - Current compensation

Form of Payment - Assumed form of payment for funding is lump sum which is the Hypothetical Account Balance. Funding Target for lump sum is the current Hypothetical Account Balance projected to the assumed retirement date using the Interest Credit Rate discounted using appropriate segment rate. Lump sum on plan actuarial equivalence rates will not exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality

Interest Rates -

Segment rates for the Valuation Date as permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)

Segment #	Year	Rate %
Segment 1	0 - 5	4.61
Segment 2	6 - 20	5.26
Segment 3	> 20	5.70

Segment rates as of September 30, 2024 As permitted under IRC 430(h)(2)(C)(iv)(II) - ARP

Segment #	Year	Rate %
Segment 1	0 - 5	4.75
Segment 2	6 - 20	5.26
Segment 3	> 20	5.70

Pre-Retirement - Mortality Table - None
Improvement Scale - None
Early Retirement Table - None
Turnover Table - None
Disability Table - None
Salary Scale - None
Interest Credit Rate - Current Yr - 4% Projected Yrs - 4%
Expense Load - None
Ancillary Ben Load - None

Post-Retirement - Mortality Table - 25C - 2025 Combined
Improvement Scale - None
Cost of Living - None

Asset Valuation Method: Fair market value of assets adjusted for contributions under IRC 430(g)(4)

Discrimination Test Assumptions:

HCE Determination - Based on all employees

Otherwise Excludable - Otherwise Excludable HCEs are included with the Not Otherwise Excludable employees

410(b)/401(a)(4) Testing:

Pre-Retirement - Interest - 8.5% CB Projection Rate - 4%

Post-Retirement - Interest - 8.5%
Mortality Table - U84 - 1984 Unisex

Permissively Aggregated Plans - Not tested As Single Plan

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate (annual method)

Testing Age - Normal retirement age or attained age, if older

Normal Form for MVAR - Joint with 100% Survivor Benefits

Schedule SB, Part V
Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods

The Franklin Group, LLC Cash Balance Plan

01-0883915 / 002

For the plan year 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

401(a)(26) Testing:

Compensation - Use current compensation to calculate the benefit accrual rate for 401(a)(26)

Testing Age - Normal retirement age or attained age, if older

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E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☒ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I Basic Information			
1 Enter the valuation date: Month 12 Day 31 Year 2025			
2 Assets:			
a Market value	2a	1,771,228	
b Actuarial value	2b	1,771,228	
3 Funding target/participant count breakdown:	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	0	0	0
c For active participants	7	1,616,942	1,616,942
d Total	7	1,616,942	1,616,942
4 If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐			
a Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5 Effective interest rate	5	5.08 %	
6 Target normal cost			
a Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	309,260	
b Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0	
c Target normal cost	6c	309,260	

Statement by Enrolled Actuary	
To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this schedule and accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, if any, is complete and accurate. Each prescribed assumption was applied in accordance with applicable law and regulations. In my opinion, each other assumption is reasonable (taking into account the experience of the plan and reasonable expectations) and such other assumptions, in combination, offer my best estimate of anticipated experience under the plan.	
SIGN HERE	
Lisa Penpek Signature of actuary	03/16/2026 Date
Lisa Penpek Type or print name of actuary	23-06954 Most recent enrollment number
Penpek Actuarial Consulting, Inc Firm name	(865) 671-0534 Telephone number (including area code)
PO Box 24553 US Knoxville TN 37933 Address of the firm	

Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	0	0
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>6.12</u> %	0	0
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		77,267
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.15</u> % ...		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		0
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		77,267
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		0
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	0	0
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d - line 12)	0	0

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	109.54 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	108.03 %
16 Prior year's funding percentage for purposes of determining whether carryover/prefunding balances may be used to reduce current year's funding requirement	16	105.69 %
17 If the current value of the assets of the plan is less than 70 percent of the funding target, enter such percentage	17	%

Part IV Contributions and Liquidity Shortfalls**18** Contributions made to the plan for the plan year by employer(s) and employees:

(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees	(a) Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	(b) Amount paid by employer(s)	(c) Amount paid by employees
05/09/2025	300,000				
Totals ▶			18(b)	300,000	18(c) 0

19 Discounted employer contributions -- see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:

a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years	19a	0
b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date	19c	309,768

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:**a** Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? ☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No**c** If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V Assumptions Used To Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost**21** Discount rate:**a** Segment rates:

1st segment: 4.75 %	2nd segment: 5.26 %	3rd segment: 5.70 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used
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b Applicable month (enter code)**21b**

0

22 Weighted average retirement age**22**

62

23 Mortality table(s) (see instructions)☒ Prescribed - combined☐ Prescribed - separate☐ Substitute**Part VI Miscellaneous items****24** Has a change been made in the non-prescribed actuarial assumptions for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment☐ Yes ☒ No**25** Has a method change been made for the current plan year? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment☐ Yes ☒ No**26** Demographic and benefit information**a** Is the plan required to provide a Schedule of Active Participants? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment☒ Yes ☐ No**b** Is the plan required to provide a projection of expected benefit payments? If "Yes," see instructions regarding required attachment☐ Yes ☒ No**27** If the plan is subject to alternative funding rules, enter applicable code and see instructions regarding attachment**27****Part VII Reconciliation of Unpaid Minimum Required Contributions For Prior Years****28** Unpaid minimum required contributions for all prior years**28**

0

29 Discounted employer contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years (line 19a)**29**

0

30 Remaining amount of unpaid minimum required contributions (line 28 minus line 29)**30**

0

Part VIII Minimum Required Contribution For Current Year**31** Target normal cost and excess assets (see instructions):**a** Target normal cost (line 6c)**31a**

309,260

b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a**31b**

154,286

32 Amortization installments:**a** Net shortfall amortization installment

Outstanding Balance

Installment

0

0

b Waiver amortization installment

0

0

33 If a waiver has been approved for this plan year, enter the date of the ruling letter granting the approval (Month _____ Day _____ Year _____) and the waived amount**33****34** Total funding requirement before reflecting carryover/prefunding balances (lines 31a - 31b + 32a + 32b - 33)**34**

154,974

	Carryover balance	Prefunding Balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	0	0

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)**36**

154,974

37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)**37**

309,768

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)**a** Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)**38a**

154,794

b Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances**38b**

0

39 Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)**39**

0

40 Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years**40**

0

Part IX Pension Funding Relief Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (See Instructions)**41** If an election was made to use the extended amortization rule for a plan year beginning on or before December 31, 2021, check the box to indicate the first plan year for which the rule applies.☐ 2019☐ 2020☐ 2021

Schedule SB, line 19 -

Discounted Employer Contributions

The Franklin Group, LLC Cash Balance Plan

01-0883915 / 002

For the plan year 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

Valuation Date: 12/31/2025

	Date	Amount	Adjusted Contribution	Adjusted Prior Year Contribution	Adjusted Quarterly	Effective Rate	Penalty Rate
Deposited Contribution	05/09/2025	\$300,000					
Applied to Additional Contribution	12/31/2025	149,913	154,794	0	0	5.08	0.00
Applied to MRC	12/31/2025	150,087	154,974	0	0	5.08	0.00
Totals for Deposited Contribution		\$300,000	\$309,768	\$0	\$0		

Schedule SB, line 22 -
Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

The Franklin Group, LLC Cash Balance Plan

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For the plan year 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

The age reported is the weighted average of the assumed retirement ages for all active participants as of the valuation date based on their funding target or target normal cost should the funding target of the plan be zero rounded to the nearest whole age. For an active late retiree, the assumed retirement age may be later than the Plan's normal retirement age. Each participant's rate of retirement is assumed to be 100% of his/her assumed retirement age.

Schedule SB, Part V

Summary of Plan Provisions

The Franklin Group, LLC Cash Balance Plan

01-0883915 / 002

For the plan year 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025

<u>Employer:</u>	The Franklin Group, LLC			
Type of Entity -	Limited Liability Company (LLC) taxed as Partnership			
EIN: 01-0883915	TIN:	Plan #: 002	Plan Type: Cash Balance	
<u>Dates:</u>	Effective - 01/01/2020		Valuation - 12/31/2025	
	Top Heavy Years - 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025			
<u>Eligibility:</u>	All employees excluding non-resident aliens, members of an excluded class and union			
	Minimum age - 21		Months of service - 12	
Hours Required for -	Eligibility - 1000	Benefit accrual - 1	Vesting - 1000	
Plan Entry -	First day of 1st or 7th month of plan year on or next following eligibility satisfaction. However, those employed on 01/01/2020 enter on 01/01/2020			
<u>Retirement:</u>	Normal -	First of month coincident with or next following attainment of age 62 and completion of 5 years of participation		
	Early -	Not provided		
<u>Average Compensation:</u>	Current compensation			
Top Heavy Minimum Benefit -	Highest 5 consecutive years of participation			
<u>Plan Benefits:</u>	Retirement -	Actuarial equivalent of the hypothetical account balance derived from annual Pay Credits and Interest Credits		
	Pay Credits -	Classification	Pay Credit Formula	
		A	50% of compensation limited to \$150,000	
		D	5% of compensation	
Interest Credit Rate -	Current Yr - 4%	Projected Yrs - 4%		
Accrued Benefit -	Hypothetical Account Balance			
	Minimum Benefit - None			
	Maximum Benefit - None			
	Maximum allowable distribution is lump sum equivalent of normal form not to exceed 415 maximum allowable distribution, which is the lesser amount computed using a) 5.5% interest and the Applicable Mortality Table or b) plan actuarial equivalence interest and mortality			
Early Retirement -	None			
Death Benefit -	Present Value of Accrued Benefit			
Disability Benefit -	None			
<u>Top Heavy Minimum:</u>	Provided in another plan			
<u>IRS Limitations:</u>	415 Limits -	Percent: 100	Dollar: \$280,000	
	Maximum 401(a)(17) compensation - \$350,000			
<u>PBGC:</u>	Plan is covered by Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation			
<u>Normal Form:</u>	Life Annuity			
<u>Optional Forms:</u>	Lump Sum			
	Joint with 50% or 100% Survivor Benefit			
<u>Vesting Schedule:</u>	100% vested in 3 years.			
	Service is calculated using all years of service			
<u>Present Value of Accrued Benefit:</u>	Based on the Hypothetical Account Balance.			

Schedule SB, Part V

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Actuarial Equivalence:

Pre-Retirement -	Interest -	4%
	Mortality Table -	None
Post-Retirement -	Interest -	4%
	Mortality Table -	Applicable Mortality Table - IRC 417(e)(3)