Form 5500	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**	**2024** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2024 and ending 06/30/2025

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] 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
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. PENSION PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

1c Effective date of plan 07/01/1987

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)
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

ONE MONITOR DRIVE
CONCORD, NH 03302-1177

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-2626570

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 603-224-5301

2d Business code (see instructions) 511110

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/07/2026	DANIEL MCCLORY
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/07/2026	DANIEL MCCLORY
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b** Administrator's EIN	
	3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: **a** Sponsor's name **c** Plan Name	**4b** EIN **4d** PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	224
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	31
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	31
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	101
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	65
d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	197
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	15
f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	212
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	0
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	0
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

1B 1I

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- **(1)** [X] Insurance
- **(2)** [ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- **(3)** [X] Trust
- **(4)** [ ] General assets of the sponsor

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

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [X] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(4)** [ ] **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached 0
- **(5)** [ ] **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

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

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)	Insurance Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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).	**2024** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. PENSION PLAN	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.	04-2626570

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier

PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	**(c)** NAIC code	**(d)** Contract or identification number	**(e)** Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year **(f)** From	**(g)** To
42-0127290	61271	717907	212	07/01/2024	06/30/2025

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	**(b)** Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	**4**	0
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	**5**	10703291

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	Balance at the end of the previous year		**7b**	
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	**7c(1)**		
	(2) Dividends and credits	**7c(2)**		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	**7c(3)**		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	**7c(4)**		
	(5) Other (specify below) ▶	**7c(5)**		
	(6)Total additions		**7c(6)**	
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).		**7d**	
e	Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	**7e(1)**		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	**7e(2)**		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	**7e(3)**		
	(4) Other (specify below) ▶	**7e(4)**		
	(5) Total deductions		**7e(5)**	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)		**7f**	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:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged			9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)			
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)			
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)			
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)			
(H) Total retention			9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves			9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves			9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			9e	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2024** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

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▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of $1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. PENSION PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2626570

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [ ] 100 or fewer [X] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 07 Day 01 Year 2024

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	11287376
b Actuarial value	**2b**	10486530

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	114	5664966	5664966
b For terminated vested participants	81	1964639	1964639
c For active participants	33	1410227	1413157
d Total	228	9039832	9042762

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**	8.00 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	0
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	137000
c Target normal cost	**6c**	137000

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 — Date: 01/06/2026

DAVID A. STOCKLAS
Type or print name of actuary

Most recent enrollment number: 23-05460

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP
Firm name

Telephone number (including area code): 412-394-9380

PO BOX 9394
DES MOINES, IA 50306-9394
Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

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	57728
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	57728
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 15.64 %	0	9029
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		2036133
	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 8.00 %		162891
	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		2199024
	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	66757

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	115.22 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	115.96 %
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	95.88 %
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
			Totals ► 18(b)	0	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	0

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? [X] Yes [ ] No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? [X] 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
0	0	0	0

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	☐ N/A, full yield curve used
8.00 %	8.00 %	8.00 %	

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	64

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**	137000
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	137000

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**	0

	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**	0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	0

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	0
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 C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2024** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2626570

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).. . . . . [X] 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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(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
13 50 64	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR	133286	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

(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?
16 99	CONSULTANT	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	28274	Yes [ ] No [X]

(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 [ ] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [ ]		Yes [ ] No [ ]

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY 42-0127290	CONSULTING (GENERAL)

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

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

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)	DFE/Participating Plan Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	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.**	**2024** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2024 and ending 06/30/2025

A Name of plan
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. PENSION PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2626570

Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-Z

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-024 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2667778

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LDI SHORT DUR SEP ACCT-Z

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-127 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8035513

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LDI INTRM DUR SEP ACCT-Z

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-128 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PRIN LDI EXT DUR SEP ACCT-Z

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

c EIN-PN 42-0127290-129 | **d** Entity code P | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN | **d** Entity code | **e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

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c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name	
b Name of plan sponsor	**c** EIN-PN
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)	Financial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2024** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2024 and ending 06/30/2025

A Name of plan
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. PENSION PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2626570

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

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.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	2044164	
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	1746479	10703291
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	7599639	
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	11390282	10703291
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	11390282	10703291

Part II Income and Expense Statement

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

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		0
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		0
(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	16940	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		16940
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		287931
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		86571
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		391442
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	922119	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		922119
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)	133286	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	23028	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		156314
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1078433
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		-686991
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

(1) [X] 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) [X] 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: KREISCHER MILLER **(2)** EIN: 23-1980475

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

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

Part IV Compliance Questions

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

During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j	X		
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m			
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] No

If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

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

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

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

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 570690.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)	Retirement Plan Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2024** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2024 and ending 06/30/2025

A Name of plan
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. PENSION PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2626570

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

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

EIN(s): 42-0127290 _____

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

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3** 5

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

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

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

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

Part III Amendments

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

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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

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

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

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

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

Structured Attachment	Schedule SB, line 26a Schedule of Active Participant Data	2024
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

Name of Plan	NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. PENSION PLAN						
Plan Year Begin Date	07/01/2024	Plan Year End Date	06/30/2025	EIN	04-2626570	PN	004

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	Under 1			1 to 4		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	5 to 9			10 to 14		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60 to 64	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Name of Plan	NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. PENSION PLAN						
Plan Year Begin Date	07/01/2024	Plan Year End Date	06/30/2025	EIN	04-2626570	PN	004

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	15 to 19			20 to 24		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	3	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	1	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	0	0	0	1	0	0
60 to 64	3	0	0	2	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	1	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	25 to 29			30 to 34		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	1	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	4	0	0	1	0	0
55 to 59	1	0	0	1	0	0
60 to 64	1	0	0	3	0	0
65 to 69	0	0	0	1	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Name of Plan	NEWSPAPERS OF NEW ENGLAND, INC. PENSION PLAN						
Plan Year Begin Date	07/01/2024	Plan Year End Date	06/30/2025	EIN	04-2626570	PN	004

Attained Age	YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE					
	35 to 39			40 & Up		
	No.	Average		No.	Average	
		Compensation	Cash Balance		Compensation	Cash Balance
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 to 49	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 to 59	4	0	0	1	0	0
60 to 64	3	0	0	0	0	0
65 to 69	1	0	0	0	0	0
70 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0

Newspapers of New England, Inc. Pension Plan

Financial Statements

June 30, 2025 and 2024

Kreischer Miller

Newspapers of New England, Inc. Pension Plan
June 30, 2025 and 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Administrative Committee
Newspapers of New England, Inc. Pension Plan
Concord, New Hampshire

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Newspapers of New England, Inc. Pension Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets in liquidation available for benefits as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of changes in net assets in liquidation available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of and for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 4 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Terminating Plan and Liquidation Basis of Accounting

As further discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Board of Directors of Newspapers of New England, Inc., the plan's sponsor, voted on October 28, 2024 to terminate the Plan effective October 31, 2025, and management determined liquidation is imminent. As a result, the Plan changed its basis of accounting from the going-concern basis of accounting used in presenting the 2023 financial statements to the liquidation basis of accounting used in presenting the 2024 financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

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

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of June 30, 2025 and Schedule H, Line 4j – Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended June 30, 2025 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

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

Kreischer Miller

Horsham, Pennsylvania
April 7, 2026

Newspapers of New England, Inc. Pension Plan

Statements of Net Assets in Liquidation Available for Benefits
June 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025 (Liquidation)	2024 (Ongoing)
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	$ 10,703,291	$ 9,346,118
Employer contribution receivable	-	2,044,164
Net assets in liquidation available for benefits	$ 10,703,291	$ 11,390,282

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Newspapers of New England, Inc. Pension Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets in Liquidation Available for Benefits
Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025 (Liquidation)	2024 (Ongoing)
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 374,502	$ 1,300,735
Interest and dividends	16,940	110,475
Total investment income	391,442	1,411,210
Employer contributions	-	2,656,372
Total additions	391,442	4,067,582
Deductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	922,119	2,132,927
Administrative and investment fees	156,314	322,496
Total deductions	1,078,433	2,455,423
Net increase (decrease)	(686,991)	1,612,159
Net assets in liquidation available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	11,390,282	9,778,123
End of year	$ 10,703,291	$ 11,390,282

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

(1) Description of Plan

The following brief description of the Newspapers of New England, Inc. Pension Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for more complete information.

General

The Plan was established as of July 1, 1987 and is the successor to separate plans maintained prior to July 1, 1987 by divisions of Newspapers of New England, Inc. and its subsidiaries. The Plan is a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan covering employees of Newspapers of New England, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company). It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. The Board of Trustees is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Administrative Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance and reports to the Plan's Board of Trustees.

The Plan was frozen on July 1, 2007 and, accordingly, the value of accrued benefits earned up to June 30, 2006 for each participant became non-forfeitable and the Plan ceased to accrue additional benefits.

Plan Termination

On October 28, 2024, the Company's Board of Directors approved the termination of the Plan effective October 31, 2025 (Plan Termination). The Company intends to make final distributions as soon as administratively feasible. In December 2025, the Plan filed a termination request with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Pension Benefits

Employees with 3 or more years of service are entitled to annual pension benefits beginning at normal retirement age (65) equal to the greater of a) benefits accrued under the predecessor plans for the Valley News Plan or the Recorder Plan, or b) 20% of the participant's average final compensation not in excess of $400 and 40% of the participant's average final compensation in excess of $400 and reduced by a proportionate amount for each year of credited service less than 30 years. Benefits vest based on a graduated scale from 33 1/3% to 100% after completion of 3 to 5 years of service, respectively. The Plan permits early retirement at ages 55-64 after the completion of 5 years of service. The normal form of pension is a life annuity. The Plan provides for death benefits payable to the surviving spouse.

Effective April 15, 2024, the Plan was amended to include a window period beginning April 15, 2024 through May 31, 2024, whereby certain eligible terminated vested participants whose benefits did not exceed $80,000 had the right to receive an immediate lump-sum payment. Under this provision, lump-sum payments were equal to the present value of a participant's vested accrued benefit calculated as of June 1, 2024.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Funding Policy

The Company's funding policy is to make annual contributions to the Plan in the amounts that are actuarially determined to provide the benefits for all employees participating in the Plan. The Plan recorded employer contributions of $2,656,372 for the year ended June 30, 2024. There were no contributions for the year ended June 30, 2025. The Plan met the minimum funding requirements of ERISA for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

All administrative expenses are paid out of the income or principal of the Plan's assets.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through April 7, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(3) Actuarial Valuation

The more significant assumptions underlying the actuarial computations for the Plan years beginning July 1 are as follows:

	2024	2023
Assumed rate of return on investments	6.75% per annum	6.50% per annum
Mortality	The Pri-2012 Total Dataset table projected generationally using the Principal Mortality Improvement Scale.	The Pri-2012 Total Dataset table projected generationally using the Principal Mortality Improvement Scale.
Discount rate	6.25%	6.00%

The foregoing actuarial assumptions are based upon the presumption that the Plan will continue. Had the actuarial valuations been performed as of June 30, there would be no material differences.

Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those estimated future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to services rendered by the employees to the valuation date. Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries. Benefits for retired or terminated employees or their beneficiaries are based on the employee's average final compensation during the five consecutive calendar years in which compensation was highest within the last ten years of credited service. The accumulated plan benefits for active employees are based on a percentage of their annual compensation from the date of eligibility to the latest valuation date. Benefits payable under all circumstances – retirement, death, and termination of employment – are included, to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered to the valuation date.

Accumulated Plan Benefits

The Plan's actuaries estimated the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits, which is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits earned by the participants to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, withdrawal or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

Continued…

(3) Actuarial Valuation, Continued

Accumulated Plan Benefits, Continued

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits for the Plan years beginning July 1:

	2024	2023
Vested benefits:		
Participants currently receiving payments	$ 6,362,611	$ 6,659,879
Other participants	4,504,523	6,056,642
Total actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits	$ 10,867,134	$ 12,716,521

The change in the present value of accumulated plan benefits is as follows for the Plan years beginning July 1:

	2024	2023
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at beginning of year	$ 12,716,521	$ 13,228,303
Increase (decrease) during the year attributable to:		
Benefits accumulated and actuarial gain	(226,596)	(62,301)
Increase for interest due to the decrease in the discount period	699,935	738,528
Assumption changes	(189,799)	(408,441)
Benefits paid	(2,132,927)	(779,568)
Net change	(1,849,387)	(511,782)
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at end of year	$ 10,867,134	$ 12,716,521

The computation of accumulated plan benefits as of July 1, 2024 does not include the effects of the Plan Termination as described in Note 1.

(4) Certified Information

Certain information related to investments disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules, including investments held at June 30, 2025 and 2024, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, and interest and dividends for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, were obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Delaware Charter Guarantee & Trust Company d/b/a Principal Trust Company (Principal) (qualified institution).

(5) Fair Value Measurements

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Accounting Standards Codification* (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

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(5) Fair Value Measurements, Continued

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2025 and 2024.

Shares of registered investment companies: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Registered investment companies held by the Plan are open-end registered investment companies that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. Registered investment companies held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Pooled separate accounts: Valued at the NAV of units held by the Plan at year end based on the market value of its underlying investments. Although the pooled separate accounts are not available in an active market, the NAV of the units are approximated based on the quoted prices of the underlying investments that are traded in an active market.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of June 30, 2024:

	Assets at Fair Value as of June 30, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	$ 7,599,639	$ -	$ -	$ 7,599,639
Investments measured at NAV as a practical expedient				1,746,479
Investments at fair value				$ 9,346,118

Certain investments that are measured at NAV per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line item presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table summarizes the Plan's investments with a reported value using NAV per unit at June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	2025	2024	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Principal Pooled Separate Accounts	$ 10,703,291	$ 1,746,479	Not applicable	Daily*	N/A

* Redemption restricted to once every 30 days for various investments

(6) Related Party Transactions and Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain plan investments are shares of pooled separate accounts managed by Principal. Principal is the trustee of the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

(7) Income Tax Status

The IRS has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated December 2, 2011, that the Plan is designed in accordance with the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

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

(8) Plan Amendment or Termination

Under the Plan Termination (Note 1), the net assets of the Plan will be allocated and distributed to participants in the manner as described in the plan document and as prescribed by ERISA and its related regulations.

Certain benefits under the Plan are insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (a U.S. governmental agency) if the Plan terminates. Generally, the PBGC guarantees most vested normal age retirement benefits, early retirement benefits, and certain disability and survivor's pensions. However, the PBGC does not guarantee all types of benefits under the Plan, and the amount of benefit protection is subject to certain limitations. Vested benefits under the Plan are guaranteed at the level in effect on the date of the Plan's termination.

Whether all participants receive their benefits as a result of the Plan Termination will depend on the sufficiency, at that time, of the Plan's net assets to provide for accumulated benefit obligations and may also depend on the financial condition of the plan sponsor and the level of benefits guaranteed by the PBGC.

(9) Risks and Uncertainties

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

Plan contributions are made and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates and employee demographics, all of which are subject to change. Due to uncertainties inherent in the estimations and assumptions process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

EIN: 04-2626570
Plan No.: 004

Supplemental Schedule
Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
June 30, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investments Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Pooled separate accounts:				
*	Principal Trust Company	LDI Short Duration Account	$ 7,935,973	$ 8,035,513
*	Principal Trust Company	Liquid Assets Account	2,593,246	2,667,778
Total pooled separate accounts			$ 10,529,219	$ 10,703,291

* Party-in-interest

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Supplemental Schedule
Schedule H, Line 4j – Schedule of Reportable Transactions
Year Ended June 30, 2025

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value	(i) Net Gain (Loss)	
Principal Trust Company	LDI Extended Duration Account	$ -	$ 647,894	$ 738,013	$ 647,894	$ (90,119)	(a)
Principal Trust Company	LDI Intermediate Duration Account	$ 1,761,173	$ -	$ 1,761,173	$ 1,761,173	$ -	(s)
Principal Trust Company	LDI Intermediate Duration Account	$ -	$ 1,685,518	$ 1,687,975	$ 1,685,518	$ (2,457)	(s)
Principal Trust Company	LDI Intermediate Duration Account	$ -	$ 1,966,567	$ 1,962,306	$ 1,966,567	$ 4,261	(a)
Principal Trust Company	LDI Short Duration Account	$ 1,962,172	$ -	$ 1,962,172	$ 1,962,172	$ -	(s)
Principal Trust Company	LDI Short Duration Account	$ 1,873,000	$ -	$ 1,873,000	$ 1,873,000	$ -	(s)
Principal Trust Company	LDI Short Duration Account	$ 5,773,005	$ -	$ 5,773,005	$ 5,773,005	$ -	(s)
Principal Trust Company	LDI Short Duration Account	$ 9,839,339	$ -	$ 9,839,339	$ 9,839,339	$ -	(a)
Principal Trust Company	LDI Short Duration Account	$ -	$ 2,160,369	$ 2,082,034	$ 2,160,369	$ 78,335	(s)
Principal Trust Company	LDI Short Duration Account	$ -	$ 3,302,306	$ 3,175,586	$ 3,302,306	$ 126,720	(a)
Principal Trust Company	Liquid Assets Account	$ 6,740,957	$ -	$ 6,740,957	$ 6,740,957	$ -	(s)
Principal Trust Company	Liquid Assets Account	$ 6,744,463	$ -	$ 6,744,463	$ 6,744,463	$ -	(a)
Principal Trust Company	Liquid Assets Account	$ -	$ 4,267,536	$ 4,151,217	$ 4,267,536	$ 116,319	(s)
Vanguard	500 Index Fund	$ -	$ 2,063,459	$ 1,270,404	$ 2,063,459	$ 793,055	(s)
Vanguard	Growth Index Fund	$ -	$ 940,182	$ 471,377	$ 940,182	$ 468,805	(s)
Vanguard	Growth Index Fund	$ -	$ 1,716,307	$ 861,348	$ 1,716,307	$ 854,959	(a)
Vanguard	Small-Cap Index Fund	$ -	$ 759,174	$ 523,461	$ 759,174	$ 235,713	(a)
Vanguard	Value Index Fund	$ -	$ 777,716	$ 563,443	$ 777,716	$ 214,273	(s)
Vanguard	Value Index Fund	$ -	$ 1,169,817	$ 797,656	$ 1,169,817	$ 372,161	(s)
Vanguard	Value Index Fund	$ -	$ 2,323,228	$ 1,612,517	$ 2,323,228	$ 710,711	(a)

(s) Represents a single transaction that exceeds 5% of net assets available for benefits at the beginning of the plan year.

(a) Represents aggregate transactions that exceed 5% of net assets available for benefits at the beginning of the plan year.

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SCHEDULE H, line 4j - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

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EIN 04 2626570
PLAN NUMBER 004
PLAN YEAR 07/01/2024 TO 06/30/2025

DESCRIPTION OF ASSET	(A) Total Number of Purchases	(B) Total Number of Sales	(C) Total Value of Purchases	(D) Total Value of Sales	(E) Net Gain/(Loss)
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI SHORT DURATION S	5		$ 9,779,340.84		$ 0.00
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI SHORT DURATION S		43		$ 3,242,307.98	$ 130,089.31
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LIQUID ASSETS SEPARA	6		$ 6,744,462.56		$ 0.00
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LIQUID ASSETS SEPARA		1		$ 4,267,536.35	$ 116,319.65
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI EXTENDED DURATIO	1		$ 508,209.76		$ 0.00
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI EXTENDED DURATIO		2		$ 647,893.98	$ 89,724.87-
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI INTERMEDIATE DUR	1		$ 1,761,173.23		$ 0.00
Pooled Separate Accounts PRINCIPAL LDI INTERMEDIATE DUR		2		$ 1,966,567.09	$ 4,272.42
Registered Investment Company VANGUARD GROWTH INDEX ADMIRAL	3		$ 2,460.42		$ 0.00
Registered Investment Company VANGUARD GROWTH INDEX ADMIRAL		3		$ 1,716,307.52	$ 855,685.45
Registered Investment Company VANGUARD VALUE INDEX ADMIRAL F	3		$ 12,282.17		$ 0.00
Registered Investment Company VANGUARD VALUE INDEX ADMIRAL F		3		$ 2,323,227.68	$ 711,124.87
Registered Investment Company VANGUARD 500 INDEX ADMIRAL FUN		1		$ 2,063,458.62	$ 793,117.39
Registered Investment Company VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADMIR	3		$ 1,575.70		$ 0.00
Registered Investment Company VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADMIR		3		$ 759,174.10	$ 235,772.61

* Schedule is prepared using the alternative way of reporting (iii) series transactions under DOL Regulation 2520.103-6(d)(2).

SCHEDULE H, line 4j - SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS

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SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

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EIN 04 2626570
PLAN NUMBER 004
PLAN YEAR 07/01/2024 TO 06/30/2025

(A)	(B) Identity of issuer, borrower, lessor or similar party.	(C) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value.	(D) Cost	(E) Current Value
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LDI SHORT DUR SEP ACCT-Z	$ 7,934,830.07	$ 8,035,512.97
*	Principal Life Insurance Company	Pooled Separate Accounts PRIN LIQUID ASSETS SEP ACCT-Z	$ 2,593,245.86	$ 2,667,778.30

SCHEDULE H, line 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

Assumptions prescribed by law

Mortality

Before benefit payment period

IRS Prescribed Mortality - Static Non-annuitant, male and female.

During benefit payment period

IRS Prescribed Mortality - Static Annuitant, male and female.

Assumptions selected by actuary

Inflation

2.40% increase per year.

Our long-term inflation assumption considered the current economic environment, recent and historical data, and forecasts from Federal Reserve Bank FOMC, Congressional Budget Office, and Survey of Professional Forecasters. See Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

Asset return

6.75% for the current plan year.

The asset return is developed as a weighted average rate based on the target asset allocation of the plan and the long-term capital market assumptions. The calculated return is on an arithmetic mean basis. For details, see the Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

Expected expense

The expected expense included in target normal cost is an estimate based on prior year expenses paid from plan assets. This is the best estimate available of upcoming year's expenses.

Retirement

Active and inactive participants:

Age	Probability of retirement	Age	Probability of retirement
55-59	5%	66	35%
60-62	10%	67	30%
63	25%	68	40%
64	40%	69	50%
65	50%	70+	remaining participants

This assumption is based on the results of recent experience analysis and anticipated future experience.

Disability

None. This plan does not offer a subsidized disability benefit therefore the disability assumption is built into the withdrawal assumption.

Marriage

75% married; husbands are 3 years older than wives.

This assumption does not have material impact on the results of this report and has been selected based on our best estimate of active workforce.

Withdrawal	2003 Society of Actuaries Small Plan Age Table, multiplied by 1.00. We rely on a publicly published table due to the limited size of the plan. The SOA Small Plan Age Table is the most recent withdrawal experience table published by the Society of Actuaries. A multiplier of 1.00 is applied to this table to reflect the results of the most recent experience analysis and anticipated future experience.
Form of benefit and basis	50% of participants will elect a benefit paid in a lump sum at the assumed retirement ages. This assumption is based on the results of recent experience analysis and anticipated future experience.
Methods prescribed by law	
Liability measure	Funding target is the present value of the benefits accrued on the valuation date. Included in Funding Target is the value of any missed required minimum distributions (defined in IRC §401(a)(9) and Treasury Regulation §1.401(a)(9)), equal to back payments with interest at 6.50%. Target normal cost is based on benefits expected to accrue during the current plan year and includes an estimate of plan expenses for the year.
Lump sum payments	Lump sum payments are valued using the plan's funding target interest rates as required, per IRS guidance. These rates are currently higher than the actual rates used to determine lump sum distributions. Therefore, plan liabilities do not currently recognize this additional cost and this may result in the plan not accumulating adequate assets. You may wish to consider additional contributions.
Methods selected by plan sponsor	
Asset method	The asset valuation method is prescribed by law for plans that elect to use a value other than market value. For each of the preceding two years, an expected value of assets at the end of the year is compared to the end of year market value. The resulting gain or loss is recognized evenly over three plan years. The expected value includes contributions, distributions, any deducted administrative expenses, and expected earnings (based on the lesser of the assumed interest rate or the maximum allowable rate). The deferred gains and losses are added to the current market value and then restricted to no more than 110% and no less than 90% of that market value. When actual returns exceed the assumed return, the actuarial value of assets will lag below market value. The lag and the smoothing effect are limited since the value must be within 10% of market value.
Segment rates	24-month average with no weighting to prior law basis. Use rates where February is the last month included in the average.

PBGC premium basis

Variable rate premiums are calculated using census, market value of assets and the one-month average of corporate bond rates in effect on the valuation date. You elected this Standard interest method for the 07/01/2018 plan year and the method must be used for five years before a change can be made.

Segment 1 years 0-5	Segment 2 years 5-20	Segment 3 years 20+
5.09%	5.28%	5.52%

Methods elected by actuary

Retirees

Assets and liabilities for current and future retirees are included.

Vested benefits

A benefit is included in vested benefits if it meets the requirements under PBGC. The benefit is multiplied by the participant's vesting percentage applicable to each benefit on the valuation date.

The following ancillary benefits are always treated as nonvested: disability benefits payable to retirement age unless in pay status, pre-retirement death benefits in excess of the survivor annuity death benefit and post retirement death benefits for non-retired participants except as noted in the Plan provisions.

Assumptions and methods elected by actuary - plan accounting (ASC 960)

With the exceptions below, all assumptions and methods are the same as those used in determining your plan's regular funding target and target normal cost.

Mortality

Based on Pri-2012 Total dataset base rate mortality table projected generationally using the using the Principal Mortality Improvement Scale (Principal 2024).

Mortality base rates

Before benefit payment period
Employee amount-weighted, male and female

During benefit payment period
Retiree amount-weighted, male and female

The Society of Actuaries (SOA) is an actuarial organization that periodically reviews mortality data and publishes mortality tables and improvement scales. In October 2019, the SOA released the Pri-2012 Mortality Tables for private-sector retirement plans in the U.S. The Pri-2012 report contains different sets of mortality tables based on complete dataset or various subsets. The Total dataset base rate table was selected based on information provided by the plan sponsor.

Pri-2012 section 12.4. provided three approaches for designated beneficiaries in the calculation of joint-and-survivor annuities. We believe "Approach 1" is reasonable for this plan.

Mortality improvement

Principal 2024 MI scale is based on MIM-2021-v4 application tool issued by SOA in October 2023 with the following parameters:

Parameter	Principal 2024
Historical dataset	SSA
Whittaker-Henderson Graduation	Order 3
Interpolation Structure	Basic
Graduated MI data last year ("jumping off" point)	2017
H/D transition ultimate year by age/cohort	2030/2030
Weight placed on interpolation by cohort	50%
Initial Slope periods (constraint)	2016-2017 (0.000)
LTR	SSA LTR 2024
COVID-19 or Excess load	None[1]

[1]Based on the sponsor's input, plan experience does not show a need for long-term excess death or Covid death load adjustments.

See Mortality documentation for rationale and additional information.

Interest rate used to value liabilities

6.25%

The interest rate used to value ASC 960 liabilities is developed as long-term expected geometric return on plan assets. Arithmetic expected return is calculated as the weighted average of broad asset classes' arithmetic returns of the plan's target asset allocation, and then converted to the geometric under lognormal distribution assumption. For details, see Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

Treatment of administrative expenses

No adjustments are made for administrative expenses, either through a reduction in the discount rate or by calculating a present value of future expenses.

Plan sponsors may change their administrative expense handling at any time. Our approach provides consistent handling of ASC 960 liabilities from year to year, whether expenses are paid with plan assets or directly by the employer.

Note - expenses paid with plan assets are required to be included in funding normal cost. As a result, the plan is reimbursed annually through required funding. Exception – contributions are not required due to assets sufficiently in excess of liabilities to fund both expenses and normal cost. In this case, administrative expenses are taken from the excess assets.

Basis for lump sums

Interest rate

Based on the three segment yield curve: 3.55%/3.95%/4.95%

The plan document defines the lump sum interest rate based on IRC §417(e) rates which closely tie to the high quality corporate bond yields. According to our most recent study, the long-term expected yields for short/intermediate/long corporate bonds are 3.55%/3.95%/4.95%. For details, see Corporate AA yield in Table 3 of Long-Term Capital Market Assumptions link.

Mortality

We have selected the same mortality assumption for lump sum payments, but with a 50/50 blend of male and female total dataset base rates and mortality improvement scales. This reflects the IRS practice of defining lump sum mortality on a unisex basis.

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500)	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2024** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2024 and ending 06/30/2025

▶ **Round off amounts to nearest dollar.**

▶ **Caution:** A penalty of $1,000 will be assessed for late filing of this report unless reasonable cause is established.

A Name of plan
Newspapers of New England, Inc. Pension Plan

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
Newspapers of New England, Inc.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
04-2626570

E Type of plan: [X] Single [ ] Multiple-A [ ] Multiple-B

F Prior year plan size: [ ] 100 or fewer [X] 101-500 [ ] More than 500

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 07 Day 01 Year 2024

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	11287376
b Actuarial value	**2b**	10486530

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	114	5664966	5664966
b For terminated vested participants	81	1964639	1964639
c For active participants	33	1410227	1413157
d Total	228	9039832	9042762

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**	8.00 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	0
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	137000
c Target normal cost	**6c**	137000

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 — Date: 01/06/2026

David A. Stocklas
Type or print name of actuary

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Address of the firm

If the actuary has not fully reflected any regulation or ruling promulgated under the statute in completing this schedule, check the box and see instructions [ ]

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	57728
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	57728
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 15.64 %	0	9029
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		2036133
	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 8.00 %		162891
	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		2199024
	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	66757

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	115.22 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	115.96 %
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	95.88 %
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
			Totals ► 18(b)		18(c)

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	0

20 Quarterly contributions and liquidity shortfalls:

a Did the plan have a "funding shortfall" for the prior year? [X] Yes [ ] No

b If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? [X] 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
0	0	0	0

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost

21 Discount rate:

a Segment rates:

1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	☐ N/A, full yield curve used
8.00 %	8.00 %	8.00 %	

b Applicable month (enter code) **21b** 4

22 Weighted average retirement age **22** 64

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**	137000
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	137000

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** 0

	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**	0
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	0

38 Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)

a Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)	**38a**	0
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 2a - Explanation of Assets
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The market value of assets on line 2a does not equal assets shown on Schedule H, Schedule I or Form 5500-SF. Schedule H, Schedule I and Form 5500-SF use the full value of contributions received after plan year end. Line 2a includes the value of $ 2,044,164 contributions received after the plan year end with a discounted value of $1,941,258.

Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description Of Weighted Average Retirement Age
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The weighted average retirement age is weighted by the expected percentage of active participants retiring at each age. The retirement rate reflects only those participants who meet retirement eligibility. An active participant working past assumed retirement age is expected to retire at current age.

(1) Age	(2) Expected Active Headcount	(3) Retirement Rate	(4) Expected Retirements (2)*(3)	(5) Weighted Age (1)*(4)
55	8.1745	0.0500	0.4087	22.4799
56	7.7501	0.0500	0.3875	21.7004
57	8.3444	0.0500	0.4172	23.7816
58	8.9051	0.0500	0.4453	25.8248
59	10.4333	0.0500	0.5217	30.7783
60	14.8748	0.1000	1.4875	89.2488
61	17.3273	0.1000	1.7327	105.6966
62	18.5140	0.1000	1.8514	114.7868
63	16.5590	0.2500	4.1398	260.8049
64	13.3130	0.4000	5.3252	340.8116
65	10.8926	0.5000	5.4463	354.0109
66	5.3598	0.3500	1.8759	123.8105
67	4.4362	0.3000	1.3309	89.1684
68	4.0638	0.4000	1.6255	110.5361
69	2.3979	0.5000	1.1989	82.7273
70	1.1726	1.0000	1.1726	82.0788
Total			29.3671	1,878.2455
Average				63.96

This report reflects the maximum benefit limits under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 415 and maximum compensation limits under IRC Section 401 in effect on the first day of each plan year.

The following is a summary of plan provisions and does not alter the intent or meanings of the provisions contained in the contract or plan document. This report reflects the provisions of the plan signed 06/05/2015 including amendments through number 1.

Plan eligibility	
Service	One year of service in which at least 1,000 hours worked.
Normal retirement benefit	
Age	Attained age 65.
Service	10 years of participation service (5 years if entry date is after age 60).
Form	Monthly annuity payable for five years and life thereafter (optional forms may be elected in advance of retirement).
Amount (accrued benefit)	The greater of (a, b, or c) plus d less e a) 20% of average compensation up to $400, plus 40% of average compensation in excess of $400, times the accrued benefit adjustment. b) For participants who were in the Recorder Publishing Company, Inc. Retirement income plan on 07/01/1987, the lessor of (A) and (B): (A) .08 of average final compensation (as defined in the Recorder Plan) up to $450 plus 1.20% of average final compensation in excess of $450, times accrual service. (B) $1350 plus 40% of average final compensation over $450. This amount will be converted from an annuity payable for 10 years and life thereafter to an annuity payable for 5 years and life thereafter based on actuarial equivalent factors. c) For participants who were in the Valley News Pension Plan on 07/01/1987, the product of (A) and (B): (A) 20% of the average final compensation (as defined in the Valley News Plan) (B) An accrued benefit adjustment equal to the member's accrual service as of such date divided by 15. The accrued benefit adjustment cannot be greater than 1.0. d) The monthly MCAA benefit as of 06/30/1998 described per participant in appendix E of the plan document. e) The monthly FCA benefit as of 06/30/1998 described per participant in appendix E of the plan document and/or any benefit which will be paid from a predecessor plan. On and after 06/30/2007 all future benefit accruals are frozen.

Early retirement benefit	
Age	Attained age 55.
Service	Completed 5 years of vesting service.
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit.
Amount	Accrued benefit on early retirement date reduced by 7% for each year up to five and 4% for each year between five and ten that the early retirement date precedes normal retirement date.

Late retirement benefit	
Age	No maximum age.
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit.
Amount	Employed participants: Accrued benefit on late retirement date. Other Participants: The actuarial equivalent of the accrued benefit that would have been paid on normal retirement date.

Termination benefit	
Vesting percentage	33 1/3% after 3 years of vesting service 66 2/3% after 4 years of vesting service 100% after 5 years of vesting service
Form	Same as normal retirement benefit with income deferred until normal retirement date.
Amount	Accrued benefit on date of termination multiplied by the vesting percentage.

Disability benefit	
Eligibility	Attained age 40 and is totally and permanently disabled.
Form	Monthly income payable until normal retirement, death, or recovery and a deferred annuity payable at the normal retirement date.
Amount	Actuarial equivalent of accrued benefit on disability retirement date.

Death benefit	
Survivor annuity death benefit (a vested benefit)	
Eligibility	Qualified married participant fully or partially vested in an accrued benefit.
Form	Monthly annuity payable to spouse, deferred to participant's earliest retirement date if later than the date of death.

Amount	If death occurs, the amount paid to the surviving spouse is equal to the amount that would have been paid had the participant terminated employment on the date of death and survived to his/her earliest retirement age, retired with a qualified joint and 50% survivor annuity in effect, then died the next day.
Lump sum death benefit (a nonvested benefit)	
Eligibility	Active or inactive participant.
Form	Lump sum
Amount	Actuarial equivalent of the accrued benefit at date of death.

Definitions	
Accrued benefit adjustment	The member's accrual service as of such date divided by 30. The accrued benefit adjustment cannot be greater than 1.0.
Average compensation	The monthly average of the highest five consecutive calendar compensation years out of the latest ten calendar years of employment prior to normal retirement date.
Benefit service	Each plan year during which a participant completes at least 1000 hours of service. No years of credited service will accrue after July 1, 2007.
Optional forms of benefit payments	The optional forms of benefit payments are: • Straight life annuity. • Monthly annuity payable for 10 years and life thereafter. • Monthly annuity payable as a survivorship life annuity with survivorship percentages of 50, 75, or 100. • Social security leveling option. • Single sum payment. The optional form conversion basis is 6.5% interest and the mortality table in Revenue Ruling 95-6 for payments other than lump sums. The optional form conversion basis uses the applicable interest rate and applicable mortality table as set forth in Code Section 417 for lump sum payments. The applicable interest rate uses the second calendar month preceding the first day of the stability period which is the plan year.

Changes in Principal Eligibility or Benefit Provisions

There have been no changes in principal eligibility or benefit provisions since the last valuation.

Significant Event

The enrolled actuary has not been made aware that any significant events have occurred during the year.

Schedule SB, Line 24 – Change in Actuarial Assumptions
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Certain non-prescribed assumptions have been changed since last year. These assumptions were changed to better reflect the anticipated experience of your plan. See the attachment, Part V – Statement of Actuarial Assumptions/Methods, for the rationale for each assumption.

The assumed asset return for the current year has increased from 6.50% to 6.75%. This rate is used in the calculation of the actuarial value of plan assets.