

Form 5500-SF Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Short Form Annual Return/Report of Small Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500-SF.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025	
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B	This return/report is ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	Check box if filing under: ☐ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
D	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here ▶ ☐
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information	
1a	Name of plan LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 010
		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1986
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) LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387 109 S. BUFFALO STREET WARSAW, IN 46581-1387	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 35-1559596
		2c Sponsor's telephone number 574-267-6144
		2d Business code (see instructions) 551111
3a	Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor.	3b Administrator's EIN
		3c Administrator's telephone number
4	If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report. a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN
		4d PN
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SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/24/2026	KYRA CLARK
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor

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- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 583059. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	1767144	1841429
b Total plan liabilities	7b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	1767144	1841429
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)		
(2) Participants	8a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	222302	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		222302
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	148017	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions) .	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f		
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		148017
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		74285
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristic Codes

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

Part V Compliance Questions

10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		5000000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance		
11 Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below.....		☒ Yes ☐ No
a Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40.....		11a 0
b PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box: ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____		
12 Is this a defined contribution plan subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Code or section 302 of ERISA? (If "Yes," complete line 12a or lines 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e below, as applicable.) If this is a defined benefit pension plan, leave line 12 blank and complete line 11 above.		☐ Yes ☒ No
a If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions, and enter the date of the letter ruling granting the waiver. Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 12a, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB (Form 5500), and skip to line 13.		
b Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year		12b
c Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		12c
d Subtract the amount in line 12c from the amount in line 12b. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		12d
e Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 12d be met by the funding deadline?.....		☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets		
13a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted in any plan year?		☐ Yes ☒ No
a If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year.....		13a
b Were all the plan assets distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☐ Yes ☒ No
c If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)		
13c(1) Name of plan(s):	13c(2) EIN(s)	13c(3) PN(s)
Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions		
14a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
14b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☒ N/A		
15 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>02 / 28 / 2023</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q705276A</u> .		

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 35-1559596
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☒ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information
1	Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025
2	Assets:
a	Market value 1767144
b	Actuarial value 1639572
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 30 732809 732809
b	For terminated vested participants 2 76363 76363
c	For active participants 40 407817 416933
d	Total 72 1216989 1226105
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐
a	Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions 4a
b	Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor 4b
5	Effective interest rate 5 5.32 %
6	Target normal cost
a	Present value of current plan year accruals 6a 0
b	Expected plan-related expenses 6b 0
c	Target normal cost 6c 0

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 DYLAN RIEKEMAN Type or print name of actuary USI CONSULTING GROUP Firm name 5301 VIRGINIA WAY SUITE 400 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 Address of the firm	07/16/2026 Date 23-08506 Most recent enrollment number 629-895-7845 Telephone number (including area code)
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Part II Beginning of Year Carryover and Prefunding Balances

	(a) Carryover balance	(b) Prefunding balance
7 Balance at beginning of prior year after applicable adjustments (line 13 from prior year)	189423	557066
8 Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)		
9 Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	189423	557066
10 Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of <u>12.71</u> %	24076	70803
11 Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		0
b(1) Interest on the excess, if any, of line 38a over line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's effective interest rate of <u>5.15</u> %		0
b(2) Interest on line 38b from prior year Schedule SB, using prior year's actual return		
c Total available at beginning of current plan year to add to prefunding balance		0
d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		
12 Other reductions in balances due to elections or deemed elections	213499	214402
13 Balance at beginning of current year (line 9 + line 10 + line 11d – line 12)	0	413467

Part III Funding Percentages

14 Funding target attainment percentage	14	100.00 %
15 Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	133.72 %
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	92.29 %
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? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If line 20a is "Yes," were required quarterly installments for the current year made in a timely manner? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c** If line 20a is "Yes," see instructions and complete the following table as applicable:

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

Part V Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost**21** Discount rate:**a** Segment rates:1st segment:
5.00 %2nd segment:
5.27 %3rd segment:
5.50 %☐ N/A, full yield curve used**b** Applicable month (enter code)**21b**

0

22 Weighted average retirement age**22**

63

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**

0

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

0

32 Amortization installments:**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

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****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 of Active Participant Data

Age Near Year	Years of Vesting Service										Total
	0	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40+	
<25											
25-29											
30-34											
35-39											
40-44											
45-49							7				7
50-54						1	4	6	3		14
55-59							5	1	1	1	8
60-64							3	3	2		8
65-69						1	1		1		3
70+											0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	2	20	10	7	1	40

Statement of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Minimum Funding Annual Interest Rates	24-month segment rates averaged through the end of December 2024 and published in January 2025 (as prescribed by IRC 430) and adjusted to reflect ARPA: - Segment 1 (0 – 5 years) 5.00% - Segment 2 (5 to 20 years) 5.27% - Segment 3 (more than 20 years) 5.50% - Effective Interest Rate 5.32%
Maximum Deductible Annual Interest Rates	24-month segment rates averaged through the end of December 2024 and published in January 2025 (as prescribed by IRC 430) as follows: - Segment 1 (0 – 5 years) 5.00% - Segment 2 (5 to 20 years) 5.27% - Segment 3 (more than 20 years) 5.40% - Effective Interest Rate 5.29%
Annual Expected Return on Assets	Interest Rate for developing Actuarial Value of Assets; limited to third segment rate 5.59%
PBGC and LDROM Annual Interest Rates	24-month segment rates averaged through the end of December 2024 and published in January 2025 using the Alternative Method (as prescribed by IRC 430) as follows: - Segment 1 (0 – 5 years) 5.00% - Segment 2 (5 to 20 years) 5.27% - Segment 3 (more than 20 years) 5.40% - Effective Interest Rate 5.29%
ASC 960 Discount Rate	Discount Rate 6.50% Rationale: as selected by the Plan Sponsor
Salary Scale	Not applicable
Mortality	Funding: IRS 2024 Small Plan Mortality Table (as prescribed by IRC 430). ASC 960-20: PRI-2012 White Collar Mortality Table, with full generational Projection Scale MP-2021. Rationale: as selected by the Plan Sponsor to reflect the most recent mortality assumption published.

Rates of Retirement

Actives are assume to retire based on age as follows:

Age	Rate
55-61	5%
62-64	10
65-69	30
70+	100

Current vested deferred are assumed to retire 100% at age 65.

Rationale: as selected by Plan Sponsor to meet historical experience.

Weighted Average Retirement Age is 63. This is the average retirement age for someone eligible to retire at all ages using the assumed retirement rates and no other decrements.

Rates of Turnover

2003 Society of Actuaries' Pension Plan Turnover Study (Small plan by age)

Rationale: as selected by Plan Sponsor to meet historical experience.

Rates of Disability

None

Assumptions Made In Valuing Spouse's Benefit

75% of employees included in the valuation are assumed to be married. This percentage is used as the probability that survivor benefits will be payable due to preretirement deaths. The wife is assumed to be three years younger than the husband.

Optional Form Selection

	<u>Lump sum</u>	<u>Life Annuity</u>	<u>Joint and 50% Survivor</u>
Active retirements	70%	15%	15%
Future vested deferred	70%	15%	15%
Future deaths	0%	0%	100%
Current vested deferred	70%	15%	15%

Provision for Expenses

None expected.

Standing Elections	The client has not signed an election that provides for the automatic use of the Carryover Balance and/or Prefunding Balance if necessary to meet the minimum funding requirement.
Asset Method	Funding: Market Value of Assets plus interest adjusted accrued but unpaid contributions as of the valuation date plus an adjustment to defer full recognition of investment losses and gains over a two-year period. The investment (gain)/loss for every year equals the market value at the beginning of the year projected to the end of the year using the interest rate above, but no greater than the third segment rate for the plan year, minus the end of the year actual market value. The actuarial value of assets will be no less than 90% and no more than 110% of the market value (including interest-adjusted accrued but unpaid contributions). Note that due to the regulatory constraint on the interest rate, a characteristic of this asset valuation method is that, over time, it may be more likely to produce an actuarial value of assets that is less than the market value of assets. ASC 960-20: Market Value of Assets plus, any contributions for prior plan years that will be made in this plan year.
Funding Method	Pure Unit Credit The actuarial liabilities shown in this report are determined using software purchased from an outside vendor which was developed for this purpose. Certain information is entered into this model in order to generate the liabilities. These inputs include economic and non-economic assumptions, plan provisions, and census information. We rely on the coding within the software to value the liabilities using the actuarial methods and assumptions selected. Both the input to and the output from the model is checked for accuracy and reviewed for reasonableness.
Employees Valued	Only participants as of the valuation date were valued.
Changes in Assumptions and Methods since the Last Actuarial Valuation	The interest rates used for determining the funding target were 5.00%, 5.27% and 5.50%. These rates were updated to the rates required for the current plan year. The mortality table for the funding target was changed as required under PPA '06.
Justification for Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	The only assumption changes were to prescribed actuarial assumptions or as a result of At-Risk status. Therefore, the plan did not need IRS approval to change assumptions and there is no need to disclose any "Change in Actuarial Assumptions."

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SIGN HERE			
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- b** Are you claiming a waiver of the annual examination and report of an independent qualified public accountant (IQPA) under 29 CFR 2520.104-46? (See instructions on waiver eligibility and conditions.)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- If you answered "No" to either line 6a or line 6b, the plan cannot use Form 5500-SF and must instead use Form 5500.**
- c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
- If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year 583059. (See instructions.)

Part III Financial Information

7 Plan Assets and Liabilities		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total plan assets	7a	1,767,144	1,841,429
b Total plan liabilities	7b		
c Net plan assets (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	1,767,144	1,841,429
8 Income, Expenses, and Transfers for this Plan Year		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions received or receivable from:			
(1) Employers	8a(1)		
(2) Participants	8a(2)		
(3) Others (including rollovers)	8a(3)		
b Other income (loss)	8b	222,302	
c Total income (add lines 8a(1), 8a(2), 8a(3), and 8b)	8c		222,302
d Benefits paid (including direct rollovers and insurance premiums to provide benefits)	8d	148,017	
e Certain deemed and/or corrective distributions (see instructions)	8e		
f Administrative service providers (salaries, fees, commissions)	8f		
g Other expenses	8g		
h Total expenses (add lines 8d, 8e, 8f, and 8g)	8h		148,017
i Net income (loss) (subtract line 8h from line 8c)	8i		74,285
j Transfers to (from) the plan (see instructions)	8j		

Part IV Plan Characteristic Codes

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

Part V Compliance Questions

10 During the plan year:		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program)	10a		X	
b Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 10a.)	10b		X	
c Was the plan covered by a fidelity bond?	10c	X		5,000,000
d Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	10d		X	
e Were any fees or commissions paid to any brokers, agents, or other persons by an insurance carrier, insurance service, or other organization that provides some or all of the benefits under the plan? (See instructions.)	10e		X	
f Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	10f		X	
g Did the plan have any participant loans? (If "Yes," enter amount as of year-end.)	10g		X	
h If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	10h		X	
i If 10h was answered "Yes," check the box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	10i			

Part VI Pension Funding Compliance

11	Is this a defined benefit plan subject to minimum funding requirements? (If "Yes," see instructions and complete Schedule SB (Form 5500) and lines 11a and b below.) If this is a defined contribution pension plan, leave line 11 blank and complete line 12 below.....	☒ Yes ☐ No
a	Enter the unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40	11a 0
b	PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If the plan is covered by PBGC and the amount reported on line 11a is greater than \$0, has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
	☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____	

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

Part VII Plan Terminations and Transfers of Assets

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

Part VIII IRS Compliance Questions

14a	Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☒ Yes ☐ No	
14b	If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
	☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☒ N/A	
15	If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>02/28/2023</u> <u>Q705276a</u>	

SCHEDULE SB (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6059 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). File as an attachment to Form 5500 or 5500-SF.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2025 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025	
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 LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 010
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 35-1559596
E Type of plan: ☒ Single ☐ Multiple-A ☐ Multiple-B	F Prior year plan size: ☒ 100 or fewer ☐ 101-500 ☐ More than 500

Part I	Basic Information			
1	Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025			
2	Assets:			
a	Market value	2a	1,767,144	
b	Actuarial value	2b	1,639,572	
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	30	732,809	732,809
b	For terminated vested participants	2	76,363	76,363
c	For active participants	40	407,817	416,933
d	Total	72	1,216,989	1,226,105
4	If the plan is in at-risk status, check the box and complete lines (a) and (b) ☐			
a	Funding target disregarding prescribed at-risk assumptions	4a		
b	Funding target reflecting at-risk assumptions, but disregarding transition rule for plans that have been in at-risk status for fewer than five consecutive years and disregarding loading factor	4b		
5	Effective interest rate	5	5.32%	
6	Target normal cost			
a	Present value of current plan year accruals	6a	0	
b	Expected plan-related expenses	6b	0	
c	Target normal cost	6c	0	

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	DJR Signature of actuary Dylan Riekeman Type or print name of actuary USI Consulting Group Firm name 5301 VIRGINIA WAY SUITE 400 BRENTWOOD TN 37027 Address of the firm	07/16/2026 Date 2608506 Most recent enrollment number 629-895-7845 Telephone number (including area code)
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Liquidity shortfall as of end of quarter of this plan year			
(1) 1st	(2) 2nd	(3) 3rd	(4) 4th

Part V	Assumptions Used to Determine Funding Target and Target Normal Cost		
21	Discount rate:		
a	Segment rates:	1st segment: 5.00 % 2nd segment: 5.27 % 3rd segment: 5.50 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used
b	Applicable month (enter code).....	21b	0
22	Weighted average retirement age	22	63
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	0
b	Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	31b	0
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
	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35	Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement		0
36	Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35).....		36
37	Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c).....		37
38	Present value of excess contributions for current year (see instructions)		
a	Total (excess, if any, of line 37 over line 36)		38a
b	Portion included in line 38a attributable to use of prefunding and funding standard carryover balances		38b
39	Unpaid minimum required contribution for current year (excess, if any, of line 36 over line 37)		39
40	Unpaid minimum required contributions for all years		40
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		

Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

(1) Age	(2) Rate of Retirement	(3) Lives	(4) Retirees	(5) (1) * (4)
55	5.00%	100.0000	5.0000	275.00
56	5.00%	95.0000	4.7500	266.00
57	5.00%	90.2500	4.5125	257.21
58	5.00%	85.7375	4.2869	248.64
59	5.00%	81.4506	4.0725	240.28
60	5.00%	77.3781	3.8689	232.13
61	5.00%	73.5092	3.6755	224.21
62	10.00%	69.8337	6.9834	432.97
63	10.00%	62.8503	6.2850	395.96
64	10.00%	56.5653	5.6565	362.02
65	30.00%	50.9088	15.2726	992.72
66	30.00%	5.9893	1.7968	118.59
67	30.00%	4.1925	1.2578	84.27
68	30.00%	2.9347	0.8804	59.87
69	30.00%	2.0543	0.6163	42.52
70	100.00%	1.4380	1.4380	100.66
Sum of Column 5				6,328.97
				÷ 100
Weighted Normal Retirement Age				63.29

Summary of Principal Plan Provisions

Plan Sponsor	Lakeland Financial Corporation
EIN/PN	35-1559596/010
Effective Date	January 1, 1986; amended, restated and adoption agreement signed on November 7, 2019
Plan Year	The 12-month period beginning each January 1.
Participation	An employee is eligible for participation on the first of January or July coincident with or following the earlier of three years of service with 1,000 hours or the attainment of age 21 and one year of service with 1,000 hours. Participation froze March 31, 2000.
Years of Service	For any period of employment, one Year of Service is earned for each plan year in which 1,000 hours are worked. Years of Service for benefit accrual purposes were frozen effective April 30, 2016.
Accrued Benefit	The greater of (a), (b) and (c) where: (a) 1% of monthly average earnings as of July 1, 1969 times credited service as of July 1, 1969 plus 1% of monthly average earnings for each year of credited service after July 1, 1969. (b) 0.625% of monthly average earnings plus 0.625% of monthly average earnings in excess of the uniform integration level times credited service up to a maximum of 20 years. In 2000, the uniform integration level was \$1,500. (c) the accrued benefit as of December 31, 1988, which is reduced by the accrued benefit as of December 31, 1985 as determined by the Lake City Bank Employees' Retirement Plan. No further benefits will accrue under the plan after March 31, 2000.
Actuarial equivalence	Unisex Pension – 1984 Mortality table and 7.50% interest. Lump sums: 417(e) applicable mortality and interest for the third calendar month preceding the calendar year quarter in which commencement begins.

Summary of Principal Plan Provisions (Continued)

Normal Retirement Benefit

Eligibility:

First of month coincident with or next following the attainment of age 65.

Monthly Benefit:

The accrued benefit payable at normal retirement. No further benefits will accrue under the plan after March 31, 2000.

Early Retirement Benefit

Eligibility:

A participant may retire early after he has attained age 55 and completed 10 years of service.

Monthly Benefit:

Accrued benefit determined at early retirement with a reduction of $(1/180)$ for each of the first 60 months and $(1/360)$ for each of the next 60 months that commencement begins prior to normal retirement.

Termination Benefit

Eligibility:

Upon termination of employment prior to retirement after completion of at least five Years of Service. A participant shall be 100% vested when he attains normal retirement age.

Monthly Benefit:

The accrued benefit based upon service accrued and compensation earned through the date of termination. The vested benefit commences in full at age 65, or in a reduced amount under the early retirement provisions.

Death Benefit

Eligibility:

Death while eligible for normal, early, postponed, or deferred vested retirement benefits with a surviving spouse.

Monthly Benefit:

Pre-retirement spouse benefit payable any time after the participant's earliest retirement date.

Schedule SB, Part V – Summary of Plan Provisions

PLAN YEAR: 2025

Plan Name: Lakeland Financial Corporation Employees' Pension Plan

EIN/PN: 35-1559596/010

**Optional Forms of
Payments**

Unmarried participants receive a life annuity. Married participants receive a 50% joint and survivor annuity. Other available optional payment forms are the 5, 10, 15, or 20 year certain and continuous annuities, the 50%, 75%, or 100% joint and survivor annuities, or a lump sum.

**Maximum Benefit
Limit**

The Internal Revenue Code Section 415 Maximum Benefit payable as a life annuity at Social Security Normal Retirement Age.

**Plan Compensation
Limit**

The Section 401(a)(17) Maximum Compensation that can be recognized for benefit calculation purposes.

**Changes in Plan
Provisions**

The automatic changes, if any, in the plan compensation limit and maximum benefit limit were recognized as amendments for funding purposes.