Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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.**

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1210-0089

2025

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a 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. . . . . ▶ [X]

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
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES MARKET-BASED CASH BALANCE PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 007

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2024

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)
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE, HDQ-6TX
DALLAS, TX 75235

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1563240

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
214-792-4000

2d Business code (see instructions)
481000

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.	09/22/2026	RYAN MARTINEZ, SVP FINANCE & ACCTG
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/22/2026	LINDSEY LANG, VP PEOPLE
	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

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN COMMITTEE

2702 LOVE FIELD DRIVE, HDQ-6TX
DALLAS, TX 75235

3b Administrator's EIN: 75-1544136

3c Administrator's telephone number: 214-792-4000

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**	11336
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)**	11251
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	11275
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	78
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	112
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	11465
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	11465
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)**	
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)**	
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 Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

1C 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristic 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 _____
- (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) [ ] **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 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 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)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Insurance Information

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

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

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

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A Name of plan
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES MARKET-BASED CASH BALANCE PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 007

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1563240

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
EMPOWER ANNUITY 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
06-1050034	93629	150036-E1		01/01/2025	12/31/2025

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

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		**(e)** Organization code
	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

(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		**(e)** Organization code
	(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	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	253710

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	0
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)	0
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	0
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)	0
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)**	0
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)**	0
(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)**	0
(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)

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.**

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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
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES MARKET-BASED CASH BALANCE PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 007

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1563240

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

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

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	40707548
b Actuarial value	**2b**	40707548

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	85	251576	251576
c For active participants	11251	31035334	31035334
d Total	11336	31286910	31286910

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**	5.36 %
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	31689151
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	31689151

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

07/31/2026
Date

MICHAEL J. GRENIER, A.S.A., E.A.
Type or print name of actuary

26-05523
Most recent enrollment number

EMPOWER
Firm name

303-737-6246
Telephone number (including area code)

280 TRUMBULL STREET
HARTFORD, CT 06103
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	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 2.18 %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		8141355
	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 5.08 %		413581
	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		8554936
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		8554936
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	8554936

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	102.76 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	130.11 %
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	100.00 %
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
04/22/2025	3400000		10/20/2025	1650000	
05/27/2025	3400000		11/20/2025	1600000	
06/20/2025	3400000		12/19/2025	1300000	
07/23/2025	3400000				
08/25/2025	3400000				
09/23/2025	3400000				
			Totals ► 18(b)	24950000	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	24170515

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:

	1st segment:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
a Segment rates:	5.07 %	5.31 %	5.50 %	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	65

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**	31689151
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	865702

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**	30823449

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	6652934	6652934

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	24170515
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	24170515
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 D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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SOUTHWEST AIRLINES MARKET-BASED CASH BALANCE PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 007

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1563240

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: PRUDENTIAL SHORT-TERM FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

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)
06-1050034-041	P	253710

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)

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

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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

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

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b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

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a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

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.**

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A Name of plan
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES MARKET-BASED CASH BALANCE PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 007

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1563240

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)	10000000	0
(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)	978894	253711
(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)	29812252	71001906
(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)		
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	40791146	71255617
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g		
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
1j Other liabilities	1j		
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	40791146	71255617

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)	24950000	
(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)		24950000
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)	3480193	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		3480193
(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)		28013
(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)		2909566
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		31367772
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	903301	
(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)		903301
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)		
(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)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		903301
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		30464471
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: CBIZ CPAS P.C. **(2)** EIN: 43-1947695

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		5000000
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**		X	
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 577414.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

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).

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OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

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For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A Name of plan
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES MARKET-BASED CASH BALANCE PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 007

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1563240

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): 20-3691708

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 | 166

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):

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

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: 40.6 % Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: 59.0 %
High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: 0.4 % 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_____.

CBIZ CPAs

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan
Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

With Independent Auditors' Report

Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan
Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024
and for the Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

Southwest Airlines Co. Retirement Savings Plan Committee
Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan

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

We have performed the audits of the financial statements of Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance 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 available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the related statements of changes in net assets 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 qualified institutions as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 and for the years then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 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).

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 audit. 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

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

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 these 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 schedule of assets (held at year end) as of December 31, 2025, and the supplemental schedule of reportable transactions for the year ended December 31, 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 schedule 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).

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Kansas City, Missouri
September 17, 2026

Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31, 2025	2024
	(In Thousands)	
Assets		
Investments, at fair value (see note 4)	**$ 71,256**	$ 30,791
Contributions receivable	**—**	10,000
Net assets available for benefits	**$ 71,256**	$ 40,791

See accompanying notes.

Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan
Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
	(In Thousands)	
Additions to (deductions from) net assets attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	**$ 2,938**	$ (1,286)
Interest and dividends	**3,480**	1,619
Total net investment income	**6,418**	333
Contributions:		
Employer	**24,950**	40,500
Total contributions	**24,950**	40,500
Benefits paid to participants	**(903)**	(42)
Total deductions	**(903)**	(42)
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	**30,465**	40,791
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	**40,791**	—
Net assets available for benefits at end of year	**$ 71,256**	$ 40,791

See accompanying notes.

1. Description of the Plan

The Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan (the “Plan”) was established effective January 1, 2024 to supplement Social Security and personal savings in meeting eligible Employees' post-retirement needs. The Plan, which is a defined benefit plan, is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). The Plan is administered by the Southwest Airlines Co. Retirement Savings Plan Committee (the “Committee”), which is a committee appointed by the Board of Directors of Southwest Airlines Co. (the "Company"). The Committee oversees all plan service providers, determines the appropriateness of the Plan’s investment offerings, and monitors investment performance.

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for more complete information regarding the Plan's provisions.

Participation

Eligible Employees under the Plan include Pilots employed by Southwest Airlines and disabled Pilots eligible for benefits under the Loss of License Plan under collective-bargaining agreements established by airline employees under the Railway Labor Act ("Covered Employees"). Eligible Employees that are covered by the Plan will begin participating on the first day of the month immediately following the later of the date the Employee completes one year of Eligibility service or the date they become a Covered Employee ("Participant").

The Company's Pilots are subject to a mandatory retirement age of 65. Eligible Employees will no longer be engaged in covered Employment after the normal retirement date and will not earn further benefits under the Plan.

Contributions

The Company, under direction of the Committee, periodically contributes amounts to sufficiently meet the benefits to be paid to plan members and fund the Plan's current expected service cost. For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Plan meets the ERISA minimum funding requirements established by the federal government. Cash contributions of $10 million were paid to the Plan in 2025 for the 2024 plan year, and were reflected as a receivable as of December 31, 2024.

Participant Accounts

Plan assets are not directly allocated to each participant but invested as a whole in a designated portfolio of equity and fixed income assets. A hypothetical account (as defined below) is established for each participant as of the date they first become an active participant. The hypothetical account ("hypothetical account") tracks the Pension Credits and Interest Credits a Participant earns under the Plan and is adjusted for any pay outs, including distributions, forfeitures, or allocable expenses.

1. Description of the Plan (continued)

Pension Credits

As of the 5th and 20th of each calendar month ("crediting date"), a pension credit shall be credited to the hypothetical account of an active participant associated with each applicable payroll period. Each pension credit for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2025 was equal to 1 percent of the participant's eligible earnings for the pay period. However, for payroll periods ending on or after January 1, 2026, each pension credit shall be equal to 2 percent of the participant's eligible earnings for the pay period.

Interest Credits

As of each crediting date after August 6, 2024, an interest credit shall be credited to each participant's hypothetical account. The interest credit shall be equal to the participant's hypothetical account balance as of the beginning of the payroll period multiplied by the actual rate of return on the aggregate assets of the Plan for that period, including both positive and negative returns (the interest crediting rate).

Retirement Benefits

Participants are required to begin receiving distributions from their Plan benefit on their normal retirement date. The normal retirement benefit payments, as defined below, will begin on the first day of the month coinciding with or next following that date. The normal retirement benefit is equal to the participant's Plan benefit, based on their full hypothetical account balance on the participant's annuity starting date. If the participant's employment terminates before retirement eligibility, the participant is still entitled to their accrued plan benefit.

Payments shall be made as a lump sum, single life annuity for unmarried participants, or qualified joint and survivor annuity for married participants.

Vesting

Participants are 100 percent vested in their full hypothetical account balance. Even if the participant's employment terminates before reaching retirement eligibility, the Plan provides the participant with a retirement benefit of all of the participant's accrued plan benefit.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses of the Plan for recordkeeping are paid to the recordkeeper, Empower Annuity Insurance Company, by the Company and are not included in the Plan's financial statements. Fees for investment-related consulting services are paid by the Company.

1. Description of the Plan (continued)

Plan Termination

While the Company has not expressed any intent to discontinue the Plan, the Board of Directors of the Company reserves the right to do so. In case of such termination, the Plan provides that the Plan assets will be allocated to provide all accrued plan benefits to participants and meet any other legal requirements. After such allocation is completed, any remaining assets will be paid to the Company.

Assets are allocated to provide accrued Plan benefits according to a schedule mandated by law. This schedule gives first priority to any benefits payable to participants who have retired or are eligible to retire. The next priority is given to benefits guaranteed by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC"), then to all non-forfeitable benefits that are not guaranteed by the PBGC, and finally to all other benefits under the Plan. If Plan assets are not sufficient to provide all Plan Benefits, and if the benefits are not guaranteed by the PBGC, the participant may not receive all of their Accrued Plan Benefits.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Benefit payments are recorded upon distribution.

Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition

Investments held by the Plan are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as 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 (an exit price). See Note 4 for further discussion of fair value measurements.

The Plan’s Committee determines the Plan’s valuation policies utilizing information provided by Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company.

Registered Investment Company: Valued at the net asset value (“NAV”) of shares held by the Plan at year end. The registered investment company held by the Plan is an open-end registered investment company that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This fund is required to publish its daily NAV and to transact at that price. The registered investment company held by the Plan is deemed to be actively traded.

Pooled separate account: Valued at the NAV of units of the separate account. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient of fair value. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the separate account, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily

delay withdrawal from the trust in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. The cost of securities sold is determined using a weighted-average cost of securities held at the date of sale. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded as earned on the accrual basis.

Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments consists of net realized gains and losses on the sale of investments and net unrealized depreciation of investments.

The Plan provides for investments in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and market risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. 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 participants' hypothetical account balances and the amounts reported in the statements 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 estimation and assumption process, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these estimates and assumptions in the near term would be material to the financial statements.

Use of Estimates

Preparation of the financial statements in conformity 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; disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities; and the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits at the date of the financial statements and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

3. Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments that are attributable under the Plan's provisions to Employees for services they have rendered. The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by the Plan's actuary based on the beginning of year election and is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the present value of future payments (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, termination, or retirement) between the valuation date and the expected date of payment. Certain assumptions require the use of management estimates which could differ from actual results. The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by an independent actuary and is that amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan

benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment between the valuation date and the expected date of payment.

The significant actuarial assumptions used in determining the accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2025 are as follows:

	2025
Discount rate	5.25 %
Cash balance crediting rate	5.25 %
Retirement age (in years)	65
Mortality	Pri-2012 White Collar Mortality Table with Scale MP-2021

These actuarial assumptions are based on the presumption that the Plan will continue. If the Plan were to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors may be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits of the Plan is as follows (in thousands):

	2025
Active participants	31,369
Participants with deferred benefits	252
Accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2025	$ 31,621

The changes in the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits are as follows (in thousands):

	2025
Accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2024	$ —
Benefits paid	(42)
Interest	(1)
Benefits accumulated and actuarial (gain)/loss	31,664
Accumulated plan benefits as of January 1, 2025	$ 31,621

4. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting standards pertaining to fair value measurements establish a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include: Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets; Level 2, defined as inputs such as quoted prices for underlying assets and liabilities and for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other

means; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

The Plan's analysis considers, among other items, any restrictions contained in the terms and conditions, nature of the investments and underlying assets, and unit valuation methodology.

The following items are measured at fair value on a recurring basis subject to the disclosure requirements of accounting standards pertaining to the fair value measurements at December 31 (in thousands):

		Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2025		
	Total	**(Level 1)**	**(Level 2)**	**(Level 3)**
Investments				
Registered Investment Company	**$ 71,002**	**$ 71,002**	**—**	**—**
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	**71,002**	**71,002**	**—**	**—**
Pooled Separate Account, Net Asset Value*	**254**	**—**	**—**	**—**
Total Investments at Fair Value	**$ 71,256**	**$ 71,002**	**—**	**—**

		Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2024		
	Total	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Investments				
Registered Investment Company	**$ 29,812**	**$ 29,812**	—	—
Total Assets in the Fair Value Hierarchy	**29,812**	**29,812**	—	—
Pooled Separate Account, Net Asset Value*	**979**	**—**	—	—
Total Investments at Fair Value	**$ 30,791**	**$ 29,812**	—	—

* In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) 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 amounts presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Investments Measured Using the Net Asset Value per Share Practical Expedient

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is based on NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31 (in thousands).

	Fair Value at				
	December 31, 2025	**December 31, 2024**	**Unfunded Commitments**	**Redemption Frequency**	**Redemption Notice Period**
Investments					
Pooled Separate Account	**$ 254**	**$ 979**	**$ —**	**Daily**	**90 days**

5. Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated August 8, 2025, that the Plan and the related trust are designed in accordance with the applicable sections 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 and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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 (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax 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.

6. Information Certified by the Plan's Trustees

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Annuity Insurance Company, the trustees of the Plan, have certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) - schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2025, and the supplemental Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(j) - Schedule of Reportable Transactions for the year ended December 31, 2025.

7. Related Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

The Plan paid certain expenses for Plan operations and investment activity to various service providers. These transactions are party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services are included in net appreciation of fair value of investments. The Company pays directly any other fees related to the Plan.

8. Concentrations

At December 31, 2025 and 2024, approximately 100% of the Plan's investments were invested in the Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund.

9. Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated events that have occurred subsequent to the year ended December 31, 2025 through September 17, 2026, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan
EIN / PN 74-1563240 / 007
Form 5500 2025 Schedule SB, Line 26a – Schedule of Active Participant Data

		Years of Credited Service										
Attained Age		***Under 1***	***1-4***	***5-9***	***10-14***	***15-19***	***20-24***	***25-29***	***30-34***	***35-39***	***40+***	***Total***
Under 25	Count	0	18									18
	Average CB	0	0									
	Average Comp	0	0									
25-29	Count	0	542									542
	Average CB	0	1,069									
	Average Comp	0	226,938									
30-34	Count	0	639									639
	Average CB	0	1,367									
	Average Comp	0	223,071									
35-39	Count	0	715									715
	Average CB	0	1,748									
	Average Comp	0	235,968									
40-44	Count	0	1,280									1,280
	Average CB	0	2,430									
	Average Comp	0	270,613									
45-49	Count	0	1,825									1,825
	Average CB	0	2,833									
	Average Comp	0	297,122									
50-54	Count	0	2,447									2,447
	Average CB	0	3,122									
	Average Comp	0	318,183									
55-59	Count	0	2,191									2,191
	Average CB	0	3,240									
	Average Comp	0	326,801									
60-64	Count	0	1,594									1,594
	Average CB	0	3,286									
	Average Comp	0	327,748									
65-69	Count	0	0									0
	Average CB	0	0									
	Average Comp	0	0									
70+	Count	0	0									0
	Average CB	0	0									
	Average Comp	0	0									
	Total	0	11,251	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,251

Actuarial methods

Under the actuarial methods described below, if all current assumptions remain constant and are realized, funding at least the minimum required contribution each year will eventually accumulate sufficient plan assets to cover the funding target. Future widening of the interest rate stabilization corridor may extend the time period for the plan to become fully funded.

Cost method

Costs have been computed in accordance with the unit credit actuarial cost method and reflect the actuarial assumptions described under "Actuarial assumptions" of this report as provided under the applicable regulations of the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Accrued vs. vested benefits

Accrued benefits are the benefits accumulated according to the service, compensation, and benefits outlined in the plan provisions. Vested benefits are the same except that they exclude the following, if applicable:

- Benefits for non-vested participants
- Death benefits over the value of the plan's qualified pre-retirement survivor annuity (QPSA)
- Disability benefits over the value of the standard termination or retirement benefits for participants who are not disabled as of the measurement date
- Benefits over the value of the standard termination benefits for participants who have not attained eligibility for early retirement and supplemental benefits as of the measurement date

Target normal cost

The target normal cost is the present value of benefits expected to accrue during the plan year plus an estimate of the expenses to be paid from plan assets during the plan year.

Funding target and funding shortfall

The funding target is the present value of benefits accrued as of the beginning of the plan year and the funding shortfall is the excess of the funding target over the actuarial value of assets (reduced by the credit balance). The initial funding shortfall is amortized over 15 years.

In subsequent years, the funding shortfall less the present value of prior year amortization installments is amortized over 15 years, and added to any prior year amortization installments.

Segment rates are adjusted as necessary to fall within the specified corridor of the corresponding 25-year average of segment rates for the period ending September 30 of the calendar year preceding the first day of the plan year. The specified corridor is listed on the following page:

Plan year	Corridor
Through 2030	95% - 105%
2031	90% - 110%
2032	85% - 115%
2033	80% - 120%
2034	75% - 125%
2035 and later	70% - 130%

In the event the 25-year average of either the first, second, or third segment rate falls below 5%, the 25-year average of such rate will be deemed to be 5%.

The adjustments to fall within the specified corridor of the 25-year average of segment rates apply for determining the minimum required contribution and related funded percentages. They do not apply for determining the maximum tax deductible contribution or certain other situations.

Sponsor elections

Discount rate: Segment rates, with a 4-month lookback

Mortality table: Prescribed IRS generational mortality table

At-risk determination

The at-risk funding target is determined by assuming that participants eligible to retire in the current plan year and next 10 plan years retire at the earliest possible date, but not before the end of the plan year. All participants are assumed to elect the optional form resulting in the highest possible present value.

A load is added to the at-risk funding target and at-risk target normal cost when a plan is at-risk in at least two years during the preceding four years. The load increases the at-risk funding target by 4% of the not at-risk funding target plus $700 per participant, and increases the at-risk target normal cost by 4% of the not at-risk target normal cost.

The funding target and target normal cost are calculated by multiplying the not at-risk values by 100% minus the phase-in percentage, plus the at-risk values multiplied by the phase-in percentage.

Credit balance

The credit balance consists of the carryover balance from excess contributions prior to the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006, plus the prefunding balance from elected excess contributions after the PPA. Balances accumulate with interest and are reduced for amounts applied towards the minimum required contribution, voluntary waivers by the plan sponsor, and compelled waivers to avoid benefit restrictions. The actuarial value of assets is reduced by the credit balance to determine certain funded percentages and to determine the funding shortfall.

Asset valuation method

The actuarial value of assets is equal to the fair market value of assets.

The actuarial value of assets for determining the maximum tax deductible contribution reflects interest rate stabilization rates for discounting contributions and limiting expected earnings.

Actuarial assumptions

Funding assumptions:

The discount rate and mortality assumptions are prescribed assumptions set by law. All other assumptions are non-prescribed assumptions set by the actuary which reflect estimates of future experience, are appropriate for the purpose of the measurement, consider relevant plan characteristics, and contain no significant bias unless otherwise noted. Relevant historical information, such as credible plan experience and experience from representative populations, was considered in the selection of the non-prescribed assumptions with a significant effect on the measurement. Factors that may affect future experience and the views of experts were also considered.

The investment return is based on the plan's asset allocation and reflects a weighted average of expected returns by asset class.

ASC 960 assumptions:

All assumptions are set by the plan sponsor and they align with the funding assumptions except for the mortality assumption. The discount rate for ASC 960 aligns with the Investment Return assumption used in the ERISA funding measurement.

The mortality assumption reflects experience from representative populations, based on the Pri-2012 Private Retirement Plans Mortality Table Report issued by the Society of Actuaries (SOA) in October 2019 and the Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2021 Report issued by the SOA in October 2021.

Below are the actuarial assumptions as of January 1, 2025.

Discount rate:	With Interest Rate Stabilization	Without Interest Rate Stabilization	ASC 960
Effective Rate	5.36%	5.53%	5.25%
First Segment – First 5 Years	5.07%	5.07%	n/a
Second Segment – Next 15 Years	5.31%	5.33%	n/a
Third Segment – After 20 Years	5.50%	5.36%	n/a

Mortality:	*Funding:* The IRS 2024 Generational Mortality Table (male and female) *Accounting - ASC 960:* Pri-2012 White Collar Mortality Table with Scale MP-2021
Estimated expenses:	$0

Retirement:

The probabilities that active participants at the ages indicated will retire are:

Age	Male	Female
65	100.00%	100.00%

In-Service Distribution:

The probabilities that active participants at the ages indicated will take a distribution are:

Age	Male	Female
60	20.00%	20.00%
61 to 65	0.00%	0.00%

Termination:

The probabilities that participants at the ages indicated will terminate are:

Age	Male	Female
20	5.0%	5.0%
25	5.0%	5.0%
30	5.0%	5.0%
35	5.0%	5.0%
40	3.0%	3.0%
45	1.0%	1.0%
50	1.0%	1.0%
55 to 64	1.0%	1.0%

Disability: None

Salary increases: 4.00%

Expected return on plan assets: 5.25%

Cash balance crediting rate: 5.25%

Form of payment 100% of benefits are assumed to be paid in a lump sum at time of decrement

Death benefit: 100% of benefits are assumed to be payable in a lump sum in the event of death.

Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

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.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2025

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a 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. ▸ [x]

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
Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▸ 007

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/2024

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)

Southwest Airlines Co.

2702 Love Field Drive, HDQ-6TX

DALLAS TX 75235

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 74-1563240

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 214-792-4000

2d Business code (see instructions) 481000

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	J Martinez	9/22/26	Ryan Martinez, SVP Finance & Acctg
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Lindsey Lang	9/22/26	Lindsey Lang, VP People
	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

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor

Southwest Airlines Co. Retirement Savings Plan Committee

2702 Love Field Drive, HDQ-6TX

Dallas TX 75235

3b Administrator's EIN: 75-1544136

3c Administrator's telephone number: 214-792-4000

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**	11,336
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)**	11,251
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	11,275
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	78
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	112
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	11,465
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	11,465
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)**	
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)**	
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 Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

1C 3H

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)

- (1) ☒ Insurance
- (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- (3) ☒ Trust
- (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

- (1) ☒ Insurance
- (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
- (3) ☒ 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) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☒ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

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

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 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 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_____

Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan
Schedule H; Part IV, Line 4j — Schedule of Reportable Transactions
EIN: 74-1563240 Plan #: 007

December 31, 2025

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	(i) Net Gain
Category (i) - Single transactions in excess of 5% of beginning Plan assets:						
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	3,300,000	—	3,300,000	3,300,000	—
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	3,300,000	—	3,300,000	3,300,000	—
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	3,400,000	—	3,400,000	3,400,000	—
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	3,400,000	—	3,400,000	3,400,000	—
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	3,400,000	—	3,400,000	3,400,000	—
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	3,400,000	—	3,400,000	3,400,000	—
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	3,400,000	—	3,400,000	3,400,000	—
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	3,400,000	—	3,400,000	3,400,000	—
Category (iii) - Series of transactions in excess of 5% of beginning Plan assets:						
Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	34,800,000	—	34,800,000	34,800,000	—

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.**

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2025

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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
Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 007

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 or 5500-SF
Southwest Airlines Co.

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
74-1563240

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

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

Part I Basic Information

1 Enter the valuation date: Month 01 Day 01 Year 2025

2 Assets:

a Market value	**2a**	40,707,548
b Actuarial value	**2b**	40,707,548

3 Funding target/participant count breakdown

	(1) Number of participants	(2) Vested Funding Target	(3) Total Funding Target
a For retired participants and beneficiaries receiving payment	0	0	0
b For terminated vested participants	85	251,576	251,576
c For active participants	11,251	31,035,334	31,035,334
d Total	11,336	31,286,910	31,286,910

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**	5.36%
6 Target normal cost		
a Present value of current plan year accruals	**6a**	31,689,151
b Expected plan-related expenses	**6b**	0
c Target normal cost	**6c**	31,689,151

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

Michael Grenier mjg
Signature of actuary

7/31/2026
Date

Michael J. Grenier, A.S.A., E.A.
Type or print name of actuary

2605523
Most recent enrollment number

Empower
Firm name

303-737-6246
Telephone number (including area code)

280 Trumbull Street
Hartford CT 06103
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	0
8	Portion elected for use to offset prior year's funding requirement (line 35 from prior year)	0	0
9	Amount remaining (line 7 minus line 8)	0	0
10	Interest on line 9 using prior year's actual return of 2.18 %	0	0
11	Prior year's excess contributions to be added to prefunding balance:		
	a Present value of excess contributions (line 38a from prior year)		8,141,355
	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 5.08 %		413,581
	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		8,554,936
	d Portion of (c) to be added to prefunding balance		8,554,936
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	8,554,936

Part III Funding Percentages

14	Funding target attainment percentage	14	102.76 %
15	Adjusted funding target attainment percentage	15	130.11 %
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	100.00 %
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
04/22/2025	3,400,000				
05/27/2025	3,400,000				
06/20/2025	3,400,000				
07/23/2025	3,400,000				
08/25/2025	3,400,000				
09/23/2025	3,400,000				
10/20/2025	1,650,000				
11/20/2025	1,600,000				
12/19/2025	1,300,000				
			Totals ► 18(b)	24,950,000	18(c) 0

19	Discounted employer contributions – see instructions for small plan with a valuation date after the beginning of the year:		
	a Contributions allocated toward unpaid minimum required contributions from prior years.	19a	0
	b Contributions made to avoid restrictions adjusted to valuation date	19b	0
	c Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date.	19c	24,170,515

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:	2nd segment:	3rd segment:	
5.07 %	5.31 %	5.50%	☐ N/A, full yield curve used

b Applicable month (enter code)	**21b**	4
22 Weighted average retirement age	**22**	65

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**	31,689,151
b Excess assets, if applicable, but not greater than line 31a	**31b**	865,702

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**	30,823,449

	Carryover balance	Prefunding balance	Total balance
35 Balances elected for use to offset funding requirement	0	6,652,934	6,652,934

36 Additional cash requirement (line 34 minus line 35)	**36**	24,170,515
37 Contributions allocated toward minimum required contribution for current year adjusted to valuation date (line 19c)	**37**	24,170,515

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

Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan
EIN / PN 74-1563240/007
Form 5500 2025 Schedule SB, Line 26b - Schedule of Projection of Expected Benefit Payments

Schedule of Projection of Expected Benefit Payments

Plan Year	Active Participants	Terminated Vested Participants	Retired Participants and Beneficiaries Receiving Payments	Total
2025	785,175	251,576	0	1,036,751
2026	1,355,512	0	0	1,355,512
2027	1,563,295	0	0	1,563,295
2028	1,714,742	0	0	1,714,742
2029	2,056,280	0	0	2,056,280
2030	2,112,941	0	0	2,112,941
2031	1,945,258	0	0	1,945,258
2032	2,231,738	0	0	2,231,738
2033	2,180,199	0	0	2,180,199
2034	2,678,463	0	0	2,678,463
2035	2,729,612	0	0	2,729,612
2036	2,914,831	0	0	2,914,831
2037	2,702,082	0	0	2,702,082
2038	2,753,322	0	0	2,753,322
2039	2,818,182	0	0	2,818,182
2040	2,693,145	0	0	2,693,145
2041	2,737,871	0	0	2,737,871
2042	2,230,907	0	0	2,230,907
2043	2,092,722	0	0	2,092,722
2044	1,954,034	0	0	1,954,034
2045	1,859,400	0	0	1,859,400
2046	1,787,133	0	0	1,787,133
2047	1,676,482	0	0	1,676,482
2048	1,658,610	0	0	1,658,610
2049	1,246,957	0	0	1,246,957
2050	1,200,418	0	0	1,200,418
2051	777,181	0	0	777,181
2052	661,216	0	0	661,216
2053	643,648	0	0	643,648
2054	660,554	0	0	660,554
2055	466,318	0	0	466,318
2056	462,343	0	0	462,343
2057	488,343	0	0	488,343
2058	597,160	0	0	597,160
2059	465,840	0	0	465,840
2060	570,984	0	0	570,984
2061	394,872	0	0	394,872
2062	389,356	0	0	389,356
2063	298,534	0	0	298,534
2064	173,003	0	0	173,003
2065	84,980	0	0	84,980
2066	2,471	0	0	2,471
2067	0	0	0	0
2068	0	0	0	0
2069	0	0	0	0
2070	0	0	0	0
2071	0	0	0	0
2072	0	0	0	0
2073	0	0	0	0
2074	0	0	0	0

Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan
EIN / PN 74-1563240/007
Form 5500 2025 Schedule SB, Line 22 - Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age

It is assumed that 100% of the participants will retire at age 65.

Plan provisions

Effective date	January 1, 2024.
Eligible employee	An individual employed as a pilot, covered by the applicable pilot bargaining agreement.
Participation eligibility	Eligible employees become participants on the first of the month following their one-year date of hire anniversary as a pilot. There is no hours requirement and all former plan participants are immediately eligible upon rehire.
Pensionable Earnings	Earnings include the total compensation paid by the plan for a 12-month period, limited to the IRS Code Section 401(a)(17) limit in effect for the beginning of the period.
Normal retirement	
Normal retirement date	The date on which a participant attains age 65.
Benefit	A hypothetical account balance, equal to the sum of (1) and (2) below: (1) A pension credit, equal to the following: • For payroll periods ending prior to January 1, 2026, 1% of the participant's earnings for the payroll period • For payroll periods ending on or after January 1, 2026, 2% of the participant's earnings for the payroll period (2) An interest credit, equal to the participant's hypothetical account balance as of the beginning of the payroll period multiplied by the interest crediting rate. The interest crediting rate is the actual percentage of investment income earned by the Plan assets between the prior crediting date and the current crediting date. Interest credits continue for a participant during any break in service until a benefit distribution is made. This rate can be positive or negative.

	The hypothetical account balance is subject to a preservation of capital requirement at the time of distribution.
Early retirement	
Eligibility	There are no early retirement benefits payable under the plan, as distributions are allowable at any time after termination of employment. In-service distributions are allowed for pilots at least age 59.5 years old while employed. After age 59.5, one in-service distribution is allowed per calendar year.
Disability retirement	
Eligibility	There are no ancillary disability benefits or disability retirement benefits payable under the plan. If a pilot has a loss of license due to becoming disabled, the participant will stay employed until age 65 and continue to receive pay and interest credits like other eligible pilots.
Death benefit	
Benefit	100% of the cash balance is payable to the designated beneficiary. If the beneficiary is the spouse and the participant dies prior to age 65, payment can be deferred until no later than the 1st of the month following the date the participant would have reached age 65. If the beneficiary is a non-spouse, a lump sum must be taken within 5 years or, for certain beneficiaries, receive an immediate life annuity following standard QPSA provisions.
Normal form of annuity	For unmarried employees: Single life annuity. For married employees: Joint and 50% surviving spouse annuity.

Optional forms	Single life annuity, joint and 50%, 75% or 100% surviving spouse annuity, lump sum.
Vesting service	100% immediately.
Credited service	Elapsed time from participation date of hire to date of termination, excluding periods of employment while not an eligible employee. If re-employed after previously being eligible for the plan, the pilot is immediately eligible for benefit accruals. Otherwise, the one-year participation wait starts upon rehire unless the pilot is hired prior to five consecutive one-year breaks in service since their date of termination in which case the prior service is included.
Plan year	Each January 1 through December 31.

Supplemental Schedules

Southwest Airlines Market-Based Cash Balance Plan
Schedule H; Line 4i — Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
EIN: 74-1563240 Plan #: 007

December 31, 2025

	(b)	(c) Description of Investment,				(d)	(e)
(a)	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Number of shares or units held			Cost	Current Value
*	Empower Trust Company	Vanguard LifeStrategy Conservative Growth Fund	3,251,003	units	$	69,397,933	$ 71,001,906
*	Empower Annuity Insurance Company	Prudential Short-Term Fund	12,955	units	$	245,833	253,711
							$ 71,255,617

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.