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. . . . . ▶ [ ]

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
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION 403(B) RETIREMENT PLAN

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

1c Effective date of plan 07/01/1942

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)
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

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WASHINGTON, DC 20036-1110

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2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
53-0196573

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
202-939-9330

2d Business code (see instructions)
813000

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.	10/15/2026	MARLON SUKAL
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/15/2026	MARLON SUKAL
	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 [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b**	Administrator's EIN
		3c	Administrator's telephone number
4	If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b**	EIN
a	Sponsor's name	**4d**	PN
c	Plan Name		

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	841
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)**	164
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	129
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	696
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	825
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	5
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	830
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)**	569
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)**	540
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:

2F 2G 2L 2M 2T

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)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[X] Insurance	**(1)**	[X] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(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)** [ ] **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)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 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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2025

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
53-0196573

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
TIAA-CREF

(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
13-1624203	69345	151034	326	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
0	0

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

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(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

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	(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	16978371
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	2135808

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	17448416
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	116265		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	724408		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	795438		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	10103		
	▶ PLAN SERVICING CREDIT				
	(6)Total additions			7c(6)	1646214
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).			7d	19094630
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	1436580		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)			
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	679340		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	339		
	▶ PLAN TO PLAN TRANSFERS OUT				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	2116259
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	16978371

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:				
a Premiums: (1) Amount received	**9a(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	**9a(2)**			
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	**9a(3)**			
(4) Earned (**(1)** + **(2)** - **(3)**)			**9a(4)**	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	**9b(1)**			
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	**9b(2)**			
(3) Incurred claims (add **(1)** and **(2)**)			**9b(3)**	
(4) Claims charged			**9b(4)**	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --				
(A) Commissions	**9c(1)(A)**			
(B) Administrative service or other fees	**9c(1)(B)**			
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	**9c(1)(C)**			
(D) Other expenses	**9c(1)(D)**			
(E) Taxes	**9c(1)(E)**			
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	**9c(1)(F)**			
(G) Other retention charges	**9c(1)(G)**			
(H) Total retention			**9c(1)(H)**	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)			**9c(2)**	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement			**9d(1)**	
(2) Claim reserves			**9d(2)**	
(3) Other reserves			**9d(3)**	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line **9c(2)**.)			**9e**	
10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:				
a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier			**10a**	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount.			**10b**	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
53-0196573

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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

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

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	17555	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 50 52 64	RECORDKEEPER	26063	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
VICTORY S SM CO OP I - FIS INVESTOR 14785 PRESTON ROAD SUITE 1000 DALLAS, TX 75254	ANNUALIZED FORMULA - 0.10%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PIF REAL EST SEC IS - PRINCIPAL 711 HIGH STREET DES MOINES, IA 50392	ANNUALIZED FORMULA - 0.10%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
MM MID CAP GRTH R5 - STATE STREET 04-0025081	ANNUALIZED FORMULA - 0.10%

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
DODGE & COX INCOME I SS&C GIDS 2000 CROWN COLONY DRIVE QUINCY, MA 02169	ANNUALIZED FORMULA - 0.08%

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
BP SM CAP VAL II IS - U.S. BANCORP 615 EAST MICHIGAN STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53202	ANNUALIZED FORMULA - 0.15%

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

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

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

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Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

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e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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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: TIAA REAL ESTATE

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TIAA-CREF

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)
13-1624203-004	P	2135808

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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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

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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).

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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
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION 403(B) RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
53-0196573

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)	0	56518
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(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)	256114	319546
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	2199709	2135808
(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)	57292886	61690349
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	17448416	16978371
(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	77197125	81180592
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	77197125	81180592

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)	1532267	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1210046	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	314973	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		3057286
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	8134	
(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)	23232	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	724408	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		755774
(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)	1880292	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		1880292
(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)		84771
(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)		7879121
c Other income	2c		16931
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		13674175
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	9057593	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	589497	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		9647090
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)	26063	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	17555	
(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)		43618
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		9690708
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		3983467
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		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		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**		X	

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.) ..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not determined

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

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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A Name of plan
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION 403(B) RETIREMENT PLAN

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
53-0196573

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): 04-6568107 82-2826183

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**

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 _____

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(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

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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) _____
(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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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes.

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

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

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation._____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

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

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

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☒ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 08 / 07 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500954A .

American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement Plan

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
Including Independent Auditor's Report

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

American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement Plan

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Audit, Finance and Compliance Committee, Plan Trustees, Board of Directors, and Plan Participants of **American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement Plan**

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement 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, and 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 American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement 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 ("DOL") 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of and for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 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 Auditor's 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for at least one year following the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing our audits in accordance with GAAS, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- 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 audits 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 American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement 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 American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement 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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year), as of December 31, 2025 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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 schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits 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 schedule 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 schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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

- (2) 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).

Other Matter – Update from Prior Year Auditors' Report

In our report dated July 14, 2025, we issued a disclaimer opinion on the 2024 financial statements as the Plan had not maintained sufficient accounting records and supporting documents relating to certain custodial accounts and activity of current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009. Accordingly, we were unable to apply auditing procedures sufficient to determine the extent to which the 2024 financial statements may have been affected by these conditions. During 2025, Plan management obtained additional information regarding such historical information. Accordingly, the basis for our disclaimer of opinion on the December 31, 2024 financial statements has been updated from our prior report for this matter.

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Washington, D.C.
October 14, 2026

American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Investments		
Investments at fair value	$ 77,861,300	$ 73,848,505
Investments at contract value	2,943,228	3,092,506
Total investments	80,804,528	76,941,011
Receivables		
Employer contributions	56,518	-
Notes receivable from participants	319,546	256,114
Total receivables	376,064	256,114
Total Assets	81,180,592	77,197,125
Net Assets Available for Benefits	$ 81,180,592	$ 77,197,125

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

American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the Years Ended December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Additions		
Investment income		
Interest and dividends	$ 2,063,464	$ 1,765,443
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	8,513,262	6,145,116
Net Investment Income	10,576,726	7,910,559
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	23,232	21,578
Contributions		
Participant contributions	1,210,046	1,190,656
Employer contributions	1,532,267	1,444,548
Rollovers	314,973	14,302
Total contributions	3,057,286	2,649,506
Other revenue	16,931	12,132
Total Additions	13,674,175	10,593,775
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants	9,647,090	5,110,447
Administrative expenses	43,618	59,468
Total Deductions	9,690,708	5,169,915
Net Increase	3,983,467	5,423,860
Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year	77,197,125	71,773,265
End of Year	$ 81,180,592	$ 77,197,125

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

American Council on Education 403(b) Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024 and
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the American Council in Education ("ACE") Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established January 1, 1972. The Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund ("TIAA-CREF") and Fidelity Management Trust Company ("Fidelity") serve as custodians of the Plan. Effective January 1, 2020, the Plan was restated by adopting a prototype Plan sponsored by TIAA-CREF. The Plan covers all employees, excluding employees who normally work less than 20 hours per week. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). The Plan's Retirement Committee is responsible for the oversight of the Plan. The Plan's Retirement Committee determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitors investment performance.

The Plan has administratively adopted certain provisions of the SECURE 2.0 Act, including the increase in the required minimum distribution age, long-term part-time employee eligibility provisions, and Roth catch-up contribution requirements. Formal plan amendments reflecting these provisions had not been adopted as of December 31, 2025, however, the Plan Sponsor intends to adopt the required amendments by applicable deadline of December 31, 2026.

Eligibility

An employee is eligible to participate in the elective deferral portion of the Plan on the date of hire. There is no minimum age an employee must attain to become a participant in the Plan for purpose of making a voluntary deferral. An employee may begin participation in the employer contribution portion of the Plan upon completion of a six-month period of service and also has attained age 21. However, Employees are excluded from making contributions to the Plan if they normally work less than 20 hours per week.

Terminated employees who are later rehired are eligible to make voluntary deferrals into the Plan on the first of the month. Terminated employees who are later rehired, have met the eligibility requirements for the employer-sponsored defined contribution plan, and were participants in the Plan before terminating employment or having a break in eligibility of service will be immediately eligible for the employer contribution. Terminated employees who were not active participants in the Plan before the break in eligibility of service and are rehired will again need to satisfy the Plan's eligibility requirements for employer contributions or matching contributions.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute a percentage of pretax annual compensation, as defined by the plan document, up to the maximum limits of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Participants also may designate all or a portion of their deferral contributions as after-tax contributions into a Roth account. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants also

1. Description of Plan (Continued)

may contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. ACE discretionally contributes, on behalf of each eligible participant, 5% of their annual gross wages, plus a match of 100% of each eligible participant's contribution up to a maximum of 5% of the participant's annual gross wages, subject to annual IRC limitations each year.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with (i) the employer's matching contributions, (ii) the employee's contribution and (iii) the account earnings (losses). Participants may elect to reduce their compensation by a specific percentage or dollar amount and have that amount contributed to the Plan as an elective deferral. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Investment Elections

TIAA-CREF and Fidelity are the investment managers and custodians of the Plan. Participants select the funds to which the employee and employer contributions are allocated. Participants have the ability to change their initial investment option selections or transfer plan assets among the selected investment options to the extent permitted by the participants' contract agreements.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions and ACE's contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Plan Loans

Participants may borrow directly from TIAA, subject to certain limitations, by using a portion of their Plan account as security for the plan loan. These loans do not occur directly within a participant's account but rather through a designated TIAA account. Accordingly, such loans are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Participants in the Plan with assets maintained with TIAA may borrow a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 45% of their TIAA Traditional Annuity account balance subject to annuity contract and plan provisions. Loan terms are generally for a period of up to five years, with exceptions permitted for the purchase of a primary residence. The rates applicable to these plan loans are determined by TIAA on the first day of each month, calendar quarter, or year based on prevailing market rates, location, and how the retirement balance was invested. Principal and interest is paid ratably by the participant to TIAA and each payment will reduce amounts collateralized by the borrowing participant's TIAA Traditional Annuity account balance. Interest rates on loans outstanding as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 were between 4.0% and 6.9%.

A portion of a participant's TIAA Traditional Annuity account balance is reserved, or held in collateral, to cover the outstanding loan amount for the period of time the loan is outstanding. For active loans, investments equal

1. Description of Plan (Continued)

to 110% of the outstanding note amount are reflected in the statements of net assets available for benefits and serve as collateral for the loan. Investments underlying defaulted loan balances are reflected in the statements of net assets available for benefits until a distribution event (e.g., defaulted collateral) occurs. Outstanding loan balances included in TIAA Traditional Annuities were $339,442 and $578,241 at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, and were collateralized by approximately $373,386 and $636,000 of investments included in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, loans in default were $335,421 and $555,694, respectively. Interest on these loans is paid directly to TIAA.

Notes Receivable From Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of $1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. The loan interest rate, determined for each loan, is set at the rates charged by local financial institutions at loan issuance, as defined. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. Terms range up to five years or greater for the purchase of a primary residence.

The highest outstanding loan balance total of all loans combined, including plan loans described above within the past 12 months cannot exceed $50,000, with a maximum of two loans. Participant loan transactions are treated as a transfer to (from) the investment fund from (to) the participant's loan account. Interest rates on loans outstanding as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 ranged from 4.25% to 9.50%.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service, the normal form of benefit is a life-time annuity. Alternatively, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his or her account, a direct rollover into a qualified retirement plan, or a combination of cash and direct rollover distribution.

In-service distributions are unavailable to Plan participants unless certain circumstances of financial hardship are present. In-service distributions are also allowed for participants who are at least 59 ½ years old. The plan, in line with the IRS rules, also requires the participants to receive Required Minimum Distributions once they are 72 years old or 73 years old post January 1, 2025, as a result of adoption of the provisions of SECURE 2.0 Act. In addition, the Plan allows for hardship distributions if certain criteria are met.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Plan was established on January 1, 1972, and was historically viewed as an amalgamation of individual annuity and custodial accounts. Prior to January 1, 2009, the Plan and its service providers did not maintain financial information at a

2. Summary of Accounting Policies (Continued)

Plan level. Because these historical records were not maintained or were not available at the Plan level, the Plan may have excluded from the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits certain annuity and custodial accounts and related activity, issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009. Plan management has concluded that the historical opening balances were materially complete.

Use of Estimates

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

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

As described in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 946, *Financial Services – Investment Companies*, Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan Sponsor determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians and insurance company, as applicable.

The Plan's investments in fully benefit-responsive investment contracts are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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

The plan also holds investments within the scope of FASB Accounting Standards Update 2009-12, *Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)*, which are presented at Net Asset Value ("NAV") at Note 3.

Contributions

Contributions from participants and the matching contributions from the employer are recorded in the year in which participant compensation is earned.

Notes Receivable From Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid

2. Summary of Accounting Policies (Continued)

interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed as incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2025 and 2024. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are recorded as a distribution based upon the terms of the Plan document. The Plan administrator believes all notes receivable from participants are collectible.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by ACE. Expenses that are paid by ACE are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through October 14, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events that require recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

3. Fair Value Measurements

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

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

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation technique include:

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

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

3. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation technique are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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

Following is a description of the valuation techniques used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the techniques used at December 31, 2025 and 2024:

Mutual funds: Mutual funds that are not proprietary to the custodian (and held in various subaccounts) are traded in active exchanges and are valued using quoted market prices on those exchanges.

Non-benefit-responsive annuity account: This investment is reported at fair value. As this investment is contract-based, observable prices for identical or similar investments do not exist and, accordingly, this investment is valued using unobservable inputs (Level 3). The underlying contracts guarantee both principal and interest. Liquidity restrictions apply to certain types of contracts that could impact the value realized upon exiting the contracts. When converted to an annuity based on life expectancy, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the accumulation.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2025 and 2024:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 46,285,115	$ -	$ -	$ 46,285,115
Investment contracts at fair value	-	-	14,035,143	14,035,143
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	46,285,115	-	14,035,143	60,320,258
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	-	-	-	17,541,042
Total investments at fair value	$ 46,285,115	$ -	$ 14,035,143	$ 77,861,300

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 41,859,127	$ -	$ -	$ 41,859,127
Investment contracts at fair value	-	-	14,355,910	14,355,910
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	41,859,127	-	14,355,910	56,215,037
Investments measured at net asset value (a)	-	-	-	17,633,468
Total investments at fair value	$ 41,859,127	$ -	$ 14,355,910	$ 73,848,505

3. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

(a) In accordance with FASB ASC 820, certain investments that were measured at NAV 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 line items presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

Investments measured at net asset value: Consisting of variable annuities, valued at the net asset value ("NAV") of units in the variable annuity. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the variable annuities, the investment adviser 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.

Quantitative Information about Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table presents the Plan's Level 3 financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the significant unobservable inputs and the quantitative information about those inputs:

Instrument	Fair Value December 31, 2025	Principal Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Range
Non-Benefit Responsive Investment Contract	$ 14,035,143	Discounted Cash Flow Theoretical Transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted Discount Rate applied	3.55% to 6.50%

Instrument	Fair Value December 31, 2024	Principal Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Range
Non-Benefit Responsive Investment Contract	$ 14,355,910	Discounted Cash Flow Theoretical Transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted Discount Rate applied	3.65% to 6.50%

3. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Changes in Fair Value of Level 3 Assets

There have been no changes to the methods and assumptions used at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Investment purchases under the Plan's non-benefit-responsive annuity account totaled $758,025 and $777,795 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Total investment issued under the Plan's non-benefit-responsive annuity account totaled $1,078,792 and $1,173,916 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Fair Value of Investments that Calculate Net Asset Value

The following table summarizes investments measured at fair value based on NAVs per share as of December 31, 2025 and 2024. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

December 31, 2025	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
TIAA-CREF Variable Annuities (b)	$ 17,541,042	$ -	Temporary lockout period (b)	None

December 31, 2024	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency (if currently eligible)	Redemption Notice Period
TIAA-CREF Variable Annuities (b)	$ 17,663,468	$ -	Temporary lockout period (b)	None

(b) This category invests in equity securities, fixed-income instruments and short-term investments, or real estate, in accordance with each portfolio's investment objectives. Shares are available for transactions at the closing NAV per share. In an effort to reduce market timing and excessive trading, shareholders will be locked out of an account for 90 days if a purchase, sale and repurchase within the account is made within a 60-day period, except for the CREF Money Market Account, which is included in variable annuities in the accompanying financial statements but is not subject to a lockout restriction. Although the underlying assets of the TIAA Real Estate Account cannot be quickly sold and converted to liquid assets, the TIAA General Account provides the TIAA Real Estate Account with a liquidity guarantee that ensures that funds are available to meet participant redemption, transfer or cash withdrawal requests.

4. Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts

The Plan holds a traditional fully benefit-responsive guaranteed investment contract, for which contributions are maintained in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by the sponsoring trustee, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at the specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 3 percent. The crediting rate is reviewed on an annual basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

Additional interest, when declared, remains in effect for the "declaration year," which begins each March 1. Additional interest is not guaranteed for future years. When the Investment Contracts with Insurance Company accumulation in the TIAA-CREF Traditional Annuity is converted to an annuity based on life expectancy, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the accumulation. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, $2,943,228 and $ 3,092,506 , respectively, of the total contract balance held with TIAA-CREF was in group supplementary retirement annuity, which is considered a fully benefit-responsive contract.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Such events include:

1. amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan);
2. changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions;
3. bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan;
4. the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA; or,
5. premature termination of the contract.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

4. Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts (Continued)

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. These events may be different under each contract. Such events include:

1. an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines;
2. a breach of material obligation under the contract;
3. a material misrepresentation; or,
4. a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of the issuer.

5. Information Certified by Custodian

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA for 2025 and 2024. Accordingly, Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund ("TIAA-CREF") and Fidelity Management Trust Company ("Fidelity"), the custodians of the Plan, have certified to the completeness and accuracy of all investments and notes receivable from participants reported in the accompanying Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025, and the related investment activity and interest income on notes receivable from participants reported in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024.

6. Related-Party and Party In Interest Transactions

Certain Plan investments are managed by the TIAA-CREF and Fidelity, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party in interest transactions.

Additionally, the Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the participant's account balances. These transactions qualify as party in interest transactions.

Certain administrative functions of the Plan are performed by officers or employees of ACE. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

7. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, ACE has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

8. Tax Status

The Plan adopted a volume submitter plan offered by the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association stating that the written form of the underlying specimen plan is qualified under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. The volume submitter plan received an IRS Opinion Letter dated August 7, 2017, that the Plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the IRS Opinion Letter, 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.

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

9. Risks and Uncertainties

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

10. Operational Plan Failure

Certain definition of compensation errors occurred during recent plan years that impacted hourly employees, terminated employees and participants making catch-up contributions. The errors were the result of unintended changes being made to the definition of compensation in the Plan's most recent adoption agreement that were not updated in ACE's payroll system. As a result, participant and employer contributions were erroneously contributed to the Plan. The Plan has identified the affected participants and calculated the qualified nonelective contributions (QNECs), employer discretionary contributions, and employer matching contributions, including related lost earnings, to be contributed to the plan to correct the errors, and has recorded an employer receivable in the amount of $56,518 as of December 31, 2025 in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits. ACE is in the process of funding the required corrective contributions.

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(a) Party in Interest	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Period
Variable Annuities:				
*	TIAA-CREF	CREF Stock R2	$ -	$ 10,178,673
*	TIAA-CREF	TIAA Real Estate	-	2,135,808
*	TIAA-CREF	CREF Growth R2	-	1,767,764
*	TIAA-CREF	CREF Global Equities R2	-	867,197
*	TIAA-CREF	CREF Money Market R2	-	746,265
*	TIAA-CREF	CREF Responsible Balanced R2	-	728,631
*	TIAA-CREF	CREF S&P 500 Index R2	-	697,480
*	TIAA-CREF	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R2	-	247,448
*	TIAA-CREF	CREF Core Bond R2	-	171,776
		Total Variable Annuities	-	17,541,042
Mutual Funds:				
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	-	5,963,350
	Vanguard	Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Institutional	-	5,444,191
*	Fidelity	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	-	4,124,751
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	-	3,430,709
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	-	3,189,225
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	-	3,124,984
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	-	2,712,505
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	-	2,503,204
*	Fidelity	Fidelity Puritan Fund	-	2,094,636
	MFS	MFS International Intrinsic Value R6	-	1,679,409
	MFS	MFS Mid Cap Value Class R6	-	1,236,841
	Vanguard	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	-	1,171,705
	Vanguard	Vanguard Extended Market Index Admiral	-	1,151,491
	Vanguard	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Admiral	-	1,106,969
	Dodge & Cox	Dodge & Cox Income Fund I	-	1,055,243
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		Vanguard	Vanguard Explorer Fund Admiral	-	345,523
		MassMutual	MassMutual Mid Cap Growth Fund Class R5	-	244,004
*		Fidelity	Fidelity Total International Index Fund	-	220,630
		Vanguard	Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund	-	210,163
		Nuveen	Nuveen Money Market Fund R6	-	172,895
		Boston Partners	Boston Partners Small Cap Value Fund II Investor Class	-	171,684
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		Vanguard	Vanguard FTSE Social Index Fund Admiral	-	44,506
		Boston Partners	Boston Partners Small Cap Value Fund II	-	44,451
			Total Mutual Funds	-	46,285,115
Non-Benefit Responsive Investment Contract:					
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Fully-Benefit Responsive Investment Contract:					
*		TIAA-CREF	TIAA Traditional Benefit-Responsive Annuity Account	-	2,607,807
*		TIAA-CREF	Plan Loan Default Fund	-	335,421
			Total Fully-Benefit Responsive Investment Contract	-	2,943,228
Participant Loans:					
*		Participant Loans	Interest at 4.25% – 9.50% with various maturities through November 2035	-	319,546
			Total Participant Loans	-	319,546
			TOTAL	$ -	$ 81,124,074

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