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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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [X] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [ ] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) _____

B This return/report is:
- [X] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [X] an amended return/report
- [X] 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
BERNSTEIN PEP

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 336

1c Effective date of plan 07/01/2025

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)
NPPG PLAN PROFESSIONALS, LLC

494 SYCAMORE AVE., SUITE 100
SHREWSBURY, NJ 07702

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2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
85-3213245

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
732-758-1577

2d Business code (see instructions)
561110

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.	10/16/2026	JOANNE PALADINO
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
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:

a Sponsor's name

4b EIN

c Plan Name

4d PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	0
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)**	0
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	142
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	4
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	146
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	146
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	0
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	112
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:

2S 2J 3D 2E 2G 2F 3B 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)

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

9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)

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

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

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

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

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

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
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Insurance Information

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

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

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

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A Name of plan
BERNSTEIN PEP

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 336

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NPPG PLAN PROFESSIONALS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
85-3213245

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

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
EMPOWER ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

(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
84-0467907	68322	5000957-01	18	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

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

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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	35050
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	2425870

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 ▶ GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT

b	Balance at the end of the previous year			7b	0
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	273941		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0		
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	1052		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	1682668		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	0		
	▶				
	(6)Total additions			7c(6)	1957661
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**).			7d	1957661
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	0		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	0		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	1922611		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)			
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	1922611
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	35050

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 D (Form 5500)

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DFE/Participating Plan Information

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A Name of plan
BERNSTEIN PEP

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 336

C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NPPG PLAN PROFESSIONALS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
85-3213245

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: CAPITAL GROUP 2055 TARGET DATE RET

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
06-1050034-000	P	346204

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: EMPOWER S&P 500 INDEX SEPARATE ACCT

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
06-1050034-000	P	151847

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL GROUP 2065 TARGET DATE RET

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
06-1050034-000	P	22001

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM US LARGE CAP VALUE

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
06-1050034-000	P	8923

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL GROUP 2070 TARGET DATE RET

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
06-1050034-000	P	998

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP GROWTH / MFS FUND

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
06-1050034-350	P	72623

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL GROUP 2030 TARGET DATE RET

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

c EIN-PN	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
06-1050034-000	P	168

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL GROUP 2060 TARGET DATE RET

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

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 90316

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL GROUP 2035 TARGE DATE RET

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

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 101377

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL GROUP 2050 TARGE DATE RET

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

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 953376

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HIGH YIELD BOND / PGIM FUND

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

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-300	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3976

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL GROUP 2045 TARGET DATE RET

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

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 524380

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PGIM TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND

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

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-814	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 26369

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: CAPITAL GROUP 2040 TARGET DATE RET

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

c EIN-PN 06-1050034-000	**d** Entity code P	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 123312

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name

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

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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
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D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
85-3213245

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)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		2425870
(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)		377719
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		35050
(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	0	2838639
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	0	2838639

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)	224760	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	426640	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	854242	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1505642
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	46	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		46
(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)	14170	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		14170
(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)		64774
(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)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1584632
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	10000	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		10000
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(11)**	2i(12)		0
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		10000
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		1574632
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		1264007
(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: TEMPLETON & COMPANY **(2)** EIN: 14-1918990

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		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**			

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

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

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

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

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ..... ☐ 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).

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

OMB No. 1210-0110

2025

This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A Name of plan
BERNSTEIN PEP

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 336

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
NPPG PLAN PROFESSIONALS, LLC

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
85-3213245

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): _____ _____

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 _____

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

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

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

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a Name of contributing employer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Public Equity: _____% 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 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702889A .

SCHEDULE MEP (Form 5500)	MULTIPLE-EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN INFORMATION	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and Section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

A Name of plan BERNSTEIN PEP	**B** Three-digit Plan number (PN)..... ▶ 336
C Plan administrator's name as shown on line 3a of Form 5500/Form 5500-SF NPPG PLAN PROFESSIONALS, LLC	**D** Administrator's EIN 85-3213245

Part I Type of Multiple-Employer Pension Plan. All multiple-employer pension plans must complete.

1 Check the appropriate box to indicate type of multiple-employer pension plan. (Only defined contribution plans may check lines 1a, 1b, and 1c. Defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans not checking lines 1a, 1b, or 1c should check line 1d. See Instructions).

- **a** [X] association retirement plan (See 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- **b** [ ] professional employer organization plan (PEO Plan) (See 29 CFR 29 CFR 2510.3-55) (Complete Part II)
- **c** [ ] pooled employer plan (PEP) (See 29 CFR 2510.3-44) (Complete Parts II and III)
- **d** [ ] other multiple-employer pension plan (Describe)_____ (Complete Part II)

Part II Participating Employer Information.

2 All multiple-employer pension plans that are subject to section 210(a) of ERISA (see instructions for filing the Form 5500) must complete Part II, in addition to Part I, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information for each employer participating in the multiple-employer pension plan. **Defined contribution plans must complete lines 2a-2d. All other multiple-employer pension plans complete lines 2a-2c only. Complete as many entries as needed to list the required information for each participating employer that is not an individual person (see instructions).**

2a Name of Participating Employer	**2b** EIN	**2c** Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	**2d** Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer
ORDERLY WELLNESS CORPORATION	93-4107914	100.00	2833891
2a Name of Participating Employer	**2b** EIN	**2c** Percentage of Total Contributions for the Plan Year	**2d** Aggregate Account Balances Attributable to Participating Employer

CAUTION Do not individually list information for working owners (see instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-55(d)(2)) or other individuals who are participants or beneficiaries in the plan or arrangement that are no longer associated with a particular participating employer or participating employer plan (see instructions). Providing identifying information for individuals may result in rejection of this filing. If there are any such individuals in the plan, answer "Yes" to line 2e and provide the total information for all such individuals, without providing names or other identifying information.

2e	Does the plan include any individuals not participating through an employer or who are individual working owners?	**2e**	[ ] Yes [ ] No
2f	If you answer "Yes" in line 2e, enter a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a during the plan year.	**2f**	
2g	If you answer "Yes" in Line 2e, enter the aggregate account balances for all such individuals that are not listed on line 2a.	**2g**	

Part III Pooled Employer Plan Information

Line 3. All Pooled employer plans must answer all of the questions in Part III, in addition to completing all of Parts I and II.

3a Is the pooled plan provider (identified as the plan sponsor and administrator in Part II of the Form 5500) currently in compliance with the Form PR (Pooled Plan Provider Registration Statement) requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2510.3-44) ☐ Yes ☐ No

3b If line 3a is "Yes", enter the ACK ID for the most recent Form PR that was required to be filed under the Form PR filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid ACK ID will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

ACK ID _____

BERNSTEIN PEP

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

BERNSTEIN PEP

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator and Those Charged with Governance
Bernstein PEP
Shrewsbury, New Jersey

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

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Bernstein PEP (the Plan or the PEP), 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 statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management has obtained certifications from the qualified institutions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report:

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, 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 (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by the qualified institutions 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 audit 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 the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management

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

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

Auditor's 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 of the Financial Statements 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 an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, 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 U.S. GAAP.

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 U.S. GAAP.

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

Supplemental Information Required by ERISA

The supplemental information 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental information, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental information 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 information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- The form and content of the supplemental information, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by the qualified institutions agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by the qualified institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Fort Lauderdale, Florida
October 15, 2026

BERNSTEIN PEP

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2025

Investments:		
Investments, at fair value	$	2,803,589
Investment, at contract value		35,050
Total investments		2,838,639
Net assets available for benefits	$	2,838,639

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BERNSTEIN PEP

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 64,774
Interest and dividends	14,216
Total investment income	78,990
Contributions:	
Participants	161,381
Employer	83,433
Rollover	854,242
Total contributions	1,099,056
Total additions	1,178,046
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	10,000
Total deductions	10,000
Change in net assets before plan transfers	1,168,046
Plan transfers:	
Transfers in from other qualified plans	1,670,593
Change in net assets after plan transfers	2,838,639
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	-
End of year	$ 2,838,639

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BERNSTEIN PEP

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 – Description of Plan

The following description of the Bernstein PEP (the Plan or the PEP) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the PEP basic plan document, and the applicable adoption agreement for the participant's employer which has chosen to participate in the PEP (Participating Employer), for a more complete description of the PEP's provisions.

General

The PEP is a pooled employer plan established on July 1, 2025, and administered by Plan Professionals, LLC, the Pooled Plan Provider (PPP). The PEP was established under the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE Act). The PEP is a defined contribution plan covering eligible employees of the Participating Employers and is intended to qualify under the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The PEP is intended to constitute a multiple employer plan, as described under IRC sections 410(a), 411, 413, and 415. Each Participating Employer elects its own provisions related to eligibility, contributions, notes receivable from participants, and payment of benefits. The PEP is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

The PPP is responsible for oversight of the Plan. The Plan contracted with Empower Trust Company, LLC (the Trustee) to serve as the Plan's Trustee. The Trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The Trustee's affiliate, Empower Life & Annuity Insurance Company of New York is the issuer of the PEP's group annuity contract and its affiliate, Empower Retirement, LLC (Empower), provides recordkeeping services to the PEP.

Eligibility

Only employees specifically designated as eligible by their Participating Employers in its adoption agreement are eligible to participate in the PEP. Participating Employers may define eligibility requirements based on factors such as age, service, or employee type. Participants are eligible to make contributions and receive employer contributions to the extent specified in the applicable adoption agreement or otherwise provided by the PEP.

SECURE Act 2.0

In December 2022, the Securing a Strong Retirement Act (SECURE Act 2.0) was passed into law. The provisions of SECURE Act 2.0 continue the reforms that began with the 2019 SECURE Act. Most of the SECURE Act 2.0 provisions became effective in 2024 and subsequent years. Since the provisions include both required and optional elements, the Plan Administrator will determine the optional SECURE Act 2.0 provisions to elect.

Contributions

Each year, eligible participants may make pre-tax, Roth, and/or after-tax contributions of their eligible annual compensation, as defined by the PEP and Participating Employer adoption agreement, subject to applicable Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limits. Under certain circumstances, eligible employees may make rollover contributions to the PEP. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the PEP year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

The Participating Employers may elect automatic enrollment and escalation features. Accordingly, the Participating Employer will automatically withhold a defined percentage of an eligible participant's compensation based on the Participating Employer's adoption agreement, unless the participant affirmatively opts out.

Note 1 – Description of Plan, Continued

Contributions, continued

Under the terms of the Participating Employer adoption agreements, the Participating Employers may elect to make matching contributions, profit-sharing contributions, safe harbor, and nonelective contributions to the PEP. Participating Employers may also elect to make true-up matching contributions. Participating Employer contributions, if any, are recorded in the year for which the contributions apply. Aggregate Participating Employer contributions for the year ended December 31, 2025 totaled $83,433. Participating Employer contributions are invested in funds in accordance with the participant's direction and the PEP's provisions.

Contributions are subject to certain IRS limitations.

Participant accounts

Participant accounts are credited with the participant's contributions, their Participating Employer's contributions, if any, and investment earnings or losses thereon. Participants are charged with the participant's withdrawals, applicable transaction charges, and an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on earnings and losses of the participant's investments or participant account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their individual contributions and their Participating Employer's safe harbor and safe harbor nonelective contributions, if any, plus earnings or losses thereon. Vesting in the Participating Employer's other contributions portion of their accounts, plus actual earnings thereon, is based on years of credited service ranging from immediate upon eligibility to a graded vesting over six years, as elected by the Participating Employer. Participant accounts become fully vested upon reaching normal retirement age (65), death, or disability.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures in any year from the accounts of participants whose employment with a Participating Employer has terminated will be used by the applicable Participating Employer in accordance with the terms of the Participating Employers adoption agreement. At December 31, 2025, available forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $4,748. There were no forfeited nonvested accounts utilized during the year ended December 31, 2025.

Notes receivable from participants

Participants are permitted to borrow from their account a minimum $1,000 and up to a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 or 50% of the participant's vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years unless the loan is used to acquire a principal residence of the participant which must be repaid in a reasonable period of time not to exceed thirty years. Loans are secured by the vested account balance in the participant's account, and bear interest at the prime rate plus 1%. A participant may only have one (1) loan outstanding at any time. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the PEP document. Principal and interest are repaid through regular payroll deductions.

Payment of benefits

Upon termination of employment (including but not limited to termination by reason of retirement, disability or death), participants or their beneficiaries are eligible to receive a lump-sum, partial distributions, or periodic required minimum distributions.

Note 1 – Description of Plan, Continued

Payment of benefits, continued

Participants with vested amounts less than $5,000 will receive a lump-sum distribution. Active employees may take withdrawals of all or a part of their vested account balances upon attainment of age 59½. Distributions are available to satisfy a financial hardship meeting the requirements of IRS regulations. Participants, at any time, may also withdraw amounts attributable to their after-tax contributions, rollover contributions and/or any portion of their transferred balance that is available under a grandfathered withdrawal option. Other in-service withdrawals are also available to participants subject to certain limitations defined by the Participating Employer's adoption agreement.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements of the PEP are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Investment valuation and income recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is 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 PEP's Investment Committee determines the PEP's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the PEP's investment advisors and the Trustee.

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

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and those differences may be material.

Contributions

Participant contributions are recorded when withheld from compensation. Employer contributions are recorded in the period in which they become obligations to the respective Participating Employer.

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded on an accrual basis. Delinquent notes are reclassified as distributions based on the terms of the PEP basic plan document and participant loan program. At December 31, 2025, no allowance for doubtful collection has been recorded.

Payment of benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Risks and uncertainties

The PEP provides various investment options. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, market risk, liquidity risk and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, including the uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible changes in such risks in the near term would materially affect participant account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Concentration

For the year ended December 31, 2025, one Participating Employer comprised approximately 100% of total contributions.

Administrative expenses

Reasonable expenses of the PEP, including custodian, attorneys, advisors, fiduciaries, and service providers are paid by the PEP, unless otherwise paid by the PPP or the Participating Employers. Expenses that are paid by the PPP or the Participating Employers are excluded from these financial statements. Investment advisor fees are paid by the PEP. Expenses paid by the PEP are included in administrative expenses on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. Fees related to administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to participants' accounts and are also included in administrative expenses. Additionally, certain investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Uncertain tax positions

U.S. GAAP requires the PEP administrator to assess its uncertain tax positions for the likelihood they would be overturned upon examination by the IRS. In accordance with this guidance, PEP Administrator has determined it does not have any positions at December 31, 2025, that it would be unable to substantiate.

Note 3 – Certified Investment Information

The PPP has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Empower Trust Company, LLC and Empower Life & Annuity Insurance Company of New York, qualified institutions, have certified that the following investment information included in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental information is complete and accurate:

- Investments shown on the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025;
- Net investment activity as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025; and
- Investment information included in the Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2025, as shown on the ERISA-required supplemental information.

At the request of the PEP's Administrator, the PEP's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this certified information, except for comparing such certified information to the related investment information included in the financial statements, including the disclosures related to the investments to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of U.S. GAAP, and in the ERISA-required supplemental information, including assessing whether the supplemental information is in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements

Accounting guidance provides a framework for measuring fair value and provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1	Unadjusted quoted prices for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities in active markets that a plan has the ability to access.
Level 2	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; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
Level 3	Significant unobservable inputs.

An investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There were no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2025. During the year ended December 31, 2025, there were no transfers of investments into or out of Level 3.

Following is a description of the value methodologies used for assets measured at fair value:

Mutual funds – valued at the daily closing prices as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded

Variable annuities – fair value of the variable annuities is determined based on the quoted price obtained for the underlying mutual fund, adjusted for the expense factor in the related annuity contract. NAV is calculated in a manner similar to the NAV of a mutual fund. Variable annuities' fair value inputs are observable, calculated daily by the annuity provider and are deemed to be Level 2 investments in the fair value hierarchy.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan management believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the PEP's investments, measured at fair value, on a recurring basis, as of December 31, 2025:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	$ 377,719	$ -	$ -	$ 377,719
Variable annuities	-	2,425,870	-	2,425,870
Investments, at fair value	$ 377,719	$ 2,425,870	$ -	$ 2,803,589

Note 5 – Group Annuity Contract with Insurance Company

The PEP invests in a fully benefit-responsive investment contract through a group annuity contract issued by Empower Life & Annuity Insurance Company of New York (Empower Life & Annuity) with a contract value $35,050, as of December 31, 2025. The contributions are maintained in a general account. The investment contract is a general account product offered through a group annuity contract.

Participant's principal and interest are fully guaranteed by the general accounts of Empower Life & Annuity. The methodology for calculating the interest crediting rate is based on the earnings on the underlying investments in the entire medium-long-term new portfolio compared to the minimum interest crediting rate, as stated in the contract, and prevailing market conditions.

Empower Life & Annuity is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The guaranteed investment contract does not permit Empower Life & Annuity to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment criteria and, therefore, is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measurement for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because it is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Under the terms of the group annuity contract, participants may direct the withdrawal or transfer transactions of all or a portion of their balance in the investment option at contract value. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by Empower Life & Annuity represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and expenses.

The PEP's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on Empower Life & Annuity's ability to meet its financial obligations. Empower Life & Annuity's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value. Such events include, but may not be limited to, amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA or premature termination of the contract. The Plan Administrator does not believe any events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with Empower Life & Annuity and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants. In addition, certain events allow Empower Life & Annuity to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Such events include an uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines, a breach of a material obligation under the contract, a material misrepresentation, or a material amendment to the agreement without the consent of Empower Life & Annuity.

Note 6 – Party-In-Interest Transactions

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL Regulations as any fiduciary of the PEP, any party rendering service to the PEP, the Pooled Plan Provider (PPP), the Participating Employers, and certain others. The PEP's investments are held and/or issued ETC and Empower Life & Annuity. Therefore, transactions with ETC and Empower Life & Annuity are considered party-in-interest transactions. The PEP also issues loans to participants, which are secured by the vested balance in the participants' accounts. Such transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules under ERISA.

Note 6 – Party-In-Interest Transactions, Continued

The PEP's PPP is Plan Professionals, LLC. NPPG is an affiliate of the PPP and provides third-party administrative services. Therefore, transactions with the PPP and NPPG qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The PEP compensates the PPP and NPPG directly for such services which is included in administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2025 in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Note 7 – PEP Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the PPP has the right under the PEP to discontinue its allowance of contributions at any time and to terminate the PEP subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of PEP termination, participants will become 100% vested in the Participating Employer's contributions. Any unallocated assets of the PEP shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as the PPP may determine. Additionally, Participating Employers have the right to transfer the assets attributable to their participants to another Plan should the PEP terminate.

Note 8 – Plan Transfers

In the normal course of business, the Plan adds Participating Employers, and assets from the individual qualified plans that the added employers previously sponsored are transferred into the Plan, in conjunction with the Participating Employer's adoption of the Plan. Likewise, Participating Employers may terminate their arrangement with the Plan and transfer out of the Plan through mergers with, or creation of other qualified plans. During the year ended December 31, 2025, transfers in from other qualified plans totaled $1,670,593.

Note 9 – Tax Status

The PEP adopted a Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit-Sharing Plan, which received an opinion letter dated June 30, 2020, in which the IRS stated that the non-standardized, pre-approved profit-sharing plan document, the PEP, as then designed, qualifies under IRC Section 401(a) and, therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. The PEP has not received a determination letter specific to the PEP itself. The PEP has been amended since adoption, however, the PPP and the PEP's tax counsel believe that the PEP is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the PEP's financial statements.

The PEP is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 10 – Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2025, per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	$ 2,838,639
Less: Forfeiture holding balance	(4,748)
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	$ 2,833,891

Note 10 – Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500, Continued

The following is a reconciliation of net change in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2025, per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

Change in net assets available for benefits before plan transfers per the financial statements	$ 1,168,046
Less: Recognition of forfeiture holding balance	(4,748)
Net income before plan transfers per the Form 5500	$ 1,163,298

Note 11 – Subsequent Events

The PEP evaluated events occurring subsequent to December 31, 2025 through October 15, 2026, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued, for matters that should be recorded in the financial statements or disclosed in the footnotes thereto.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BERNSTEIN PEP

SPONSOR'S EIN: 85-3213245
PLAN NUMBER: 336

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2025

(a)	(b) Identity of issue or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Values
	Mutual funds:			
	American Funds	Capital World Bond R6	**	$ 18,908
	American Funds	Eupac R6	**	43,329
	American Funds	New World R6	**	37,821
	Avantis	U.S. Small Cap Value Institutional	**	31,548
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	Fidelity	Extended Market Index	**	24,418
	Fidelity	Inflation Protected Bond Index	**	12,241
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	Fidelity	Us Bond Index	**	58,615
	PGIM	Jennison Small Company R6	**	28,911
	Total mutual funds			377,719
	Variable annuities:			
	Capital Group	2030 Target Date Retirement SA	**	168
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	Capital Group	2040 Target Date Retirement SA	**	123,312
	Capital Group	2045 Target Date Retirement SA	**	524,380
	Capital Group	2050 Target Date Retirement SA	**	953,376
	Capital Group	2055 Target Date Retirement SA	**	346,204
	Capital Group	2060 Target Date Retirement SA	**	90,316
	Capital Group	2065 Target Date Retirement SA	**	22,001
	Capital Group	2070 Target Date Retirement SA	**	998
*	Empower	S&P 500 Index Separate Acct	**	151,847
	PGIM	High Yield Bond Fund	**	3,976
	MFS	Large Cap Growth Fund	**	72,623
	PGIM	Total Return Bond Fund	**	26,369
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	Total variable annuities		**	2,425,870
	Group annuity contract:			
*	Empower Life & Annuity Insurance Company of New York	Fixed Account - Series Class I	**	35,050
	Total investments			$ 2,838,639

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