

**University of South Carolina –
Business Partnership Foundation and Subsidiary**

Report on Consolidated Financial Statements

For the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025

University of South Carolina – Business Partnership Foundation and Subsidiary

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees
University of South Carolina – Business Partnership Foundation and Subsidiary
Columbia, South Carolina

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the University of South Carolina – Business Partnership Foundation and Subsidiary (the "Foundation"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of June 30, 2026 and 2025, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (collectively, the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as of June 30, 2026 and 2025, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 the Foundation 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 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.

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 Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 Foundation'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 Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliott Davis, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Columbia, South Carolina
September 2, 2026

University of South Carolina – Business Partnership Foundation and Subsidiary**Consolidated Statements of Financial Position****As of June 30, 2026 and 2025**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,472,625	\$ 4,751,262
Continuing education and educational programs receivable	114,990	980,294
Other miscellaneous receivables	61,428	28,916
Prepaid expenses	133,838	28,915
Pledges receivable, net	544,023	274,164
Total current assets	<u>7,326,904</u>	<u>6,063,551</u>
Non-current assets		
Pledges receivable, net	657,615	398,058
Cash surrender value of life insurance	104,300	100,482
Total non-current assets	<u>761,915</u>	<u>498,540</u>
Investments	<u>190,203,405</u>	<u>166,641,160</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 198,292,224</u>	<u>\$ 173,203,251</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 467,110	\$ 946,834
Total liabilities	<u>467,110</u>	<u>946,834</u>
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	95,521,055	84,680,714
With donor restrictions	102,304,059	87,575,703
Total net assets	<u>197,825,114</u>	<u>172,256,417</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 198,292,224</u>	<u>\$ 173,203,251</u>

University of South Carolina – Business Partnership Foundation and Subsidiary**Consolidated Statement of Activities****For the year ended June 30, 2026**

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues, gains and other support			
Continuing education and educational programs	\$ 4,023,427	\$ -	\$ 4,023,427
Contributions and grants received	3,375,720	5,139,777	8,515,497
Investment return, net	14,364,202	14,351,468	28,715,670
Total	<u>21,763,349</u>	<u>19,491,245</u>	<u>41,254,594</u>
Net assets released from restrictions			
Transfers	1,162,385	(1,162,385)	-
Satisfaction of program restrictions	3,600,504	(3,600,504)	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	<u>26,526,238</u>	<u>14,728,356</u>	<u>41,254,594</u>
Expenses			
Program services			
Continuing education and educational programs	4,348,640	-	4,348,640
Academic support	2,474,241	-	2,474,241
Scholarships and student assistance	4,329,425	-	4,329,425
External relations, events and other	3,133,729	-	3,133,729
Total program services	<u>14,286,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,286,035</u>
Supporting services			
Administration	1,399,862	-	1,399,862
Total expenses	<u>15,685,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,685,897</u>
Change in net assets	10,840,341	14,728,356	25,568,697
Net assets, beginning of year	84,680,714	87,575,703	172,256,417
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 95,521,055</u>	<u>\$ 102,304,059</u>	<u>\$ 197,825,114</u>

University of South Carolina – Business Partnership Foundation and Subsidiary**Consolidated Statement of Activities****For the year ended June 30, 2025**

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues, gains and other support			
Continuing education and educational programs	\$ 4,751,018	\$ -	\$ 4,751,018
Contributions and grants received	2,961,842	3,002,407	5,964,249
Investment return, net	10,019,920	9,365,655	19,385,575
Total	<u>17,732,780</u>	<u>12,368,062</u>	<u>30,100,842</u>
Net assets released from restrictions			
Transfers	1,125,337	(1,125,337)	-
Satisfaction of program restrictions	3,552,165	(3,552,165)	-
Total revenues, gains and other support	<u>22,410,282</u>	<u>7,690,560</u>	<u>30,100,842</u>
Expenses			
Program services			
Continuing education and educational programs	4,597,806	-	4,597,806
Academic support	2,902,201	-	2,902,201
Scholarships and student assistance	3,801,708	-	3,801,708
External relations, events and other	3,059,627	-	3,059,627
Total program services	<u>14,361,342</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,361,342</u>
Supporting services			
Administration	1,193,531	-	1,193,531
Total expenses	<u>15,554,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,554,873</u>
Change in net assets	6,855,409	7,690,560	14,545,969
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>77,825,305</u>	<u>79,885,143</u>	<u>157,710,448</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 84,680,714</u>	<u>\$ 87,575,703</u>	<u>\$ 172,256,417</u>

University of South Carolina – Business Partnership Foundation and Subsidiary**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****For the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025**

	2026	2025
<i>Cash flows used for operating activities</i>		
Change in net assets	\$ 25,568,697	\$ 14,545,969
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used for operating activities:		
Investment return, net	(28,715,670)	(19,385,575)
Changes in deferred and accrued amounts:		
Increase in pledges receivable, net	(529,416)	(530,875)
Decrease (increase) in continuing education and educational programs receivable	865,304	(68,533)
(Increase) decrease in other miscellaneous receivables	(32,512)	26,155
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(104,923)	2,355
Decrease in accounts payable	(479,724)	(714,305)
Contributions restricted for special programs, projects and endowments	(5,139,777)	(3,002,407)
Net cash used for operating activities	<u>(8,568,021)</u>	<u>(9,127,216)</u>
<i>Cash flows provided by investing activities</i>		
Proceeds from sale of investments	64,352,581	11,067,237
Purchases of investments	(59,199,156)	(4,947,725)
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance	(3,818)	(4,523)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>5,149,607</u>	<u>6,114,989</u>
<i>Cash flows provided by financing activities</i>		
Contributions restricted for special programs, projects and endowments	5,139,777	3,002,407
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,721,363</u>	<u>(9,820)</u>
<i>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</i>	<u>4,751,262</u>	<u>4,761,082</u>
<i>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</i>	<u>\$ 6,472,625</u>	<u>\$ 4,751,262</u>

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Activities

Nature of activities:

University of South Carolina - Business Partnership Foundation (the "Foundation") is a non-profit corporation organized on September 16, 1969, under the laws of the State of South Carolina for the purpose of establishing a continuing partnership between the University of South Carolina and the business community of South Carolina for the enhancement and improvement of the Darla Moore School of Business.

Principles of consolidation:

The Foundation established Corporate Solutions, LLC (the "LLC"), a wholly owned subsidiary, to further the exempt purposes and objectives of the Foundation by assisting in the promotion of charitable, scientific, educational, and other programs. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Financial statement presentation:

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and are presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The Foundation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Net assets:

Net assets, revenues, gains, and other support are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for board-designated endowments. See Note 7.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Expenditures that relate to the fulfillment of time and purpose restrictions are shown as a reduction in revenue with donor restrictions as net assets released from restrictions.

Unrealized and realized gains and losses and dividends and interest from investing activities may be included in either of these net asset classifications depending on donor-imposed restrictions and the Foundation's interpretation of relevant state law.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Activities, Continued

Operations:

Operations include the revenues and expenses associated with the ongoing programs of the Foundation. It receives income from investments, educational programs, academic center fees, gifts, and other miscellaneous income.

Cash and cash equivalents:

For purposes of reporting in the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Foundation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents; amounts restricted to projects, endowments that are perpetual in nature, or other long-term purposes are excluded from this definition. Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash held in checking and overnight investment accounts.

Continuing education and educational programs receivable and other miscellaneous receivables:

Continuing education and educational programs receivable and other miscellaneous receivables consist primarily of non-interest-bearing amounts due for miscellaneous gifts, operations of the Foundation, continuing education and educational programs. These receivables are generally collected within a year. The allowance for credit losses is recorded based on historical experience, current economic conditions, future estimated impacts, and general financial conditions affecting the Foundation's receivables base. If actual collections experience changes, revisions to the allowance may be required. After all attempts to collect a receivable have failed, the receivable is written off against the allowance. Management believes that all these receivables are fully collectible at June 30, 2026 and 2025, and, therefore, there are no allowances for credit losses on continuing education and educational programs receivable and miscellaneous receivables.

Pledges receivable:

The Foundation records unconditional pledges receivable that are expected to be collected within one year at net realizable value. Unconditional pledges receivable expected to be collected in future years are initially recorded at fair value using present value techniques incorporating risk-adjusted discount rates designed to reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset. In subsequent years, amortization of the discounts is included in contributions revenue in the consolidated statements of activities. Unconditional pledges receivable are stated net of an allowance for uncollectible pledges receivable. The Foundation determines the allowance for uncollectible pledges receivable based on historical experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections. Also See Note 5.

Cash surrender value of life insurance:

Cash surrender value of life insurance consists of life insurance policies purchased by the donor where the Foundation is named as owner and beneficiary of the policy. The assets contributed under these life insurance policies are carried at fair value approximated by the cash surrender value, net of any policy loans.

The life insurance policy cash surrender value is updated annually and changes in value are recorded under investment return, net in the consolidated statements of activities.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Activities, Continued

Investments:

The Foundation's investments consist of money market funds, marketable equity and debt securities carried at fair value and alternative investments (including hedge funds and private equity partnerships), which are carried at capital account value or net asset value. Cash and money market funds held in the investment portfolio are a part of the diversification strategies established by the investment policy. Investment income or loss (including gains and losses on investments, interest, and dividends) is included in the consolidated statements of activities as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restriction unless the income or loss is restricted by donor or law. Securities or other investments donated are recorded at their market value at the date of the gift.

The Foundation's Board of Trustees approved investment policy defines the asset allocation for the operating and endowment investment pools and also the spending allocation from the endowment investment pool. With the exception of certain contributions that are separately invested, all restricted endowment contributions are invested on a pooled accounting basis.

Based on interpretation of donor-imposed restrictions and applicable state law, the endowment investment pool total investment return including appreciation, depreciation, income, expenses, and fees is allocated to the various funds on a weighted average of invested funds balances at estimated values. The approved endowment spending allocation is defined in greater detail in Note 7.

Fair value of financial instruments:

The estimated fair values of the Foundation's short-term financial instruments, including cash, cash equivalents, other accounts receivable and accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business, approximate their individual carrying amounts due to the relatively short period of time between their origination and expected realization. The Foundation also holds other financial instruments for which the fair values are disclosed in Note 4.

Revenue and revenue recognition:

Revenue is recognized when earned. Continuing education and educational programs fees received in advance are deferred to the applicable period in which the related services are performed, or expenditures are incurred, respectively. Contributions are recognized when cash, securities, other assets, or unconditional pledges receivable are received. Conditional pledges receivable are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. The Foundation had two contributors who accounted for approximately 38 percent of total contributions revenue for the year ended June 30, 2026. The Foundation had one contributor who accounted for approximately 37 percent of total contributions revenue for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Donated services and contributions of nonfinancial assets:

A number of volunteers have donated an undetermined number of hours to the Foundation's program services during the year; however, the consolidated financial statements do not reflect the value of these contributed services because they do not meet recognition criteria prescribed by GAAP. Contributions of nonfinancial assets are recorded at fair value at the date of donation. No significant contributions of nonfinancial assets or services were received during the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Activities, Continued

Concentrations of credit and market risk:

Financial instruments that potentially expose the Foundation to concentrations of credit and market risk consist primarily of cash equivalents and investments. Cash equivalents are maintained at high-quality financial institutions and credit exposure is limited to any one institution when bank deposits exceed federally insured limits. The Foundation has not experienced any losses on its cash equivalents.

The Foundation invests in professionally managed portfolios that contain equities, mutual funds, and money market funds. Such investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect investment balances and the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements.

Income taxes:

The Foundation is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Foundation's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. In addition, the Foundation qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization other than a private foundation.

Management evaluated the Foundation's tax positions and concluded that the Foundation had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the consolidated financial statements to comply with the provisions of this guidance for the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025.

Use of estimates:

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassification of net assets:

At times, the Foundation receives requests from donors to change the use for which the donor's original gift was intended. These donor requests are reviewed by the Foundation for approval, and if approved, may result in the reclassification of net assets between net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Functional allocation of expenses:

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on the functional basis in the consolidated statements of activities. Note 8 presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

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Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Activities, Continued

Reclassifications:

Certain items in the 2025 consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to be consistent with 2026 presentation. These reclassifications had no impact on previously reported changes in net assets or net assets.

Note 2. Related Party Transactions

The Foundation makes payments to the University of South Carolina (“USC”) for payroll and fringe benefits, scholarships, fellowships, supplies, printing, postage, and other expenses incurred by the Foundation and the LLC. These payments totaled \$7,812,428 and \$7,622,042 for the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025, respectively. Amounts owed to USC that were included in accounts payable were \$186,678 and \$307,788 as of June 30, 2026 and 2025, respectively.

The Foundation makes payments to the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation (“USCEF”) for investment fees, Blackbaud maintenance, server costs and other expenses. Expenses incurred to USCEF were \$260,378 and \$169,788 for the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025, respectively. Amounts owed to USCEF that were included in accounts payable were \$0 and \$22,910 as of June 30, 2026 and 2025, respectively.

Note 3. Investments

The Foundation participates in a pooling of investments with other foundations of the University of South Carolina, collectively known as the University Foundations. The Foundation also has non-pooled investments, which are held directly at the Foundation.

Investment income was comprised of the following for the years ended June 30:

	2026			
	Operations	LT Investments	Restrictions	Total
Dividends and interest, net	\$ 202,538	\$ 1,308,700	\$ 1,342,040	\$ 2,853,278
Realized and unrealized gains	-	12,852,964	13,009,428	25,862,392
Total investment return	202,538	14,161,664	14,351,468	28,715,670
Investment return designated for current operations	(202,538)	-	-	(202,538)
Investment income reduced by amounts designated for current operations	\$ -	\$ 14,161,664	\$ 14,351,468	\$ 28,513,132
	2025			
	Operations	LT Investments	Restrictions	Total
Dividends and interest, net	\$ 141,721	\$ 1,315,541	\$ 1,287,618	\$ 2,744,880
Realized and unrealized gains	301	8,557,834	8,078,037	16,636,172
Total investment return	142,022	9,873,375	9,365,655	19,381,052
Investment return designated for current operations	(142,022)	-	-	(142,022)
Investment income reduced by amounts designated for current operations	\$ -	\$ 9,873,375	\$ 9,365,655	\$ 19,239,030

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Note 3. Investments, Continued

Investment and advisory fees are netted against dividends and interest.

Investments were comprised of the following for the years ended June 30:

	Market Value	
	2026	2025
Pooled investments		
Money market funds	\$ 142,132	\$ 676,073
Equity and stock mutual funds	100,519,527	116,311,476
Fixed income mutual funds	36,466,663	32,484,009
Alternative investments	<u>50,765,099</u>	<u>15,288,859</u>
Total pooled investments	<u>187,893,421</u>	<u>164,760,417</u>
Non-pooled investments		
Common stocks (student investment fund)	<u>2,309,984</u>	<u>1,880,743</u>
Total non-pooled investments	<u>2,309,984</u>	<u>1,880,743</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 190,203,405</u>	<u>\$ 166,641,160</u>

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

The Foundation follows the Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") fair value measurements and disclosure guidance, which provides a framework for measuring fair value under generally accepted accounting principles. This guidance applies to all financial instruments that are being measured and reported on a fair value basis.

As defined in the FASB issued guidance, 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. In determining fair value, the Foundation uses various methods including market, income, and cost approaches.

Based on these approaches, the Foundation often utilizes certain assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the assets or liability, including assumptions about risk and/or the risks inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. These inputs can be readily observable, market corroborated, or generally unobservable inputs. The Foundation utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Based on the observability of the inputs used in the valuation techniques, the Foundation is required to provide the following information according to the fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine fair values. Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value will be classified and disclosed in one of the following three categories:

- Level 1: Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in active markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange. Valuations are obtained from readily available pricing sources for market transactions involving identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in less active dealer or broker markets. Valuations are obtained from third party pricing services for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Level 3: Valuations for assets and liabilities that are derived from other valuation methodologies, including option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques, and not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker-traded transactions. Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such assets and liabilities.

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 Foundation 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. For the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025, the application of valuation techniques applied to similar assets and liabilities has been consistent.

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

2026					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV Practical Expedient^(a)	Total
Pooled investments					
Money market funds	\$ 142,132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,132
Equity and stock mutual funds	100,519,527	-	-	-	100,519,527
Fixed income mutual funds	36,466,663	-	-	-	36,466,663
Alternative investments	-	-	4,436,876	46,328,223	50,765,099
Non-pooled investments					
Common stocks	<u>2,309,984</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,309,984</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 139,438,306</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,436,876</u>	<u>\$ 46,328,223</u>	<u>\$ 190,203,405</u>
2025					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV Practical Expedient^(a)	Total
Pooled investments					
Money market funds	\$ 676,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 676,073
Equity and stock mutual funds	116,311,476	-	-	-	116,311,476
Fixed income mutual funds	32,484,009	-	-	-	32,484,009
Alternative investments	-	-	2,752,323	12,536,536	15,288,859
Non-pooled investments					
Common stocks	<u>1,880,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,880,743</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 151,352,301</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,752,323</u>	<u>\$ 12,536,536</u>	<u>\$ 166,641,160</u>

^(a) In accordance with Topic 820, certain investments that were measured at net asset value ("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 to the line items presented in the consolidated statements of financial position.

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Changes in Level 3 fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs were as follows as of June 30:

	Private Equity	
	2026	2025
Beginning balance	\$ 2,752,323	\$ 1,698,785
Total realized/unrealized gains included in changes in net assets	879,551	1,194,076
Purchases, issuances, and settlements	1,141,327	299,412
Management fee (investment advisory fee)	(112,258)	(14,321)
Cash out of dividends/realized gains	(224,067)	(425,629)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 4,436,876</u>	<u>\$ 2,752,323</u>

The investments reported as Level 3 methods and measured at NAV for determining fair value consist of partnerships for which the ownership terms and conditions restrict the marketability of the investments resulting in the valuation method previously described. The following describes the restrictions to assist in the assessment of the investment holdings:

Hedge Funds – The Foundation holds ownership shares in several hedge funds with investment strategies including fund to fund long/short equity managers. Management believes that the investment strategies employed and availability of other Foundation resources allow the Foundation to be unaffected by the liquidity restrictions.

Private Equity Partnerships – The Foundation holds ownership positions in certain partnerships with investment strategies of investing in private equity (distressed companies) and private energy funds. The Foundation cannot redeem its investment in these funds until the final liquidation of the partnerships.

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements, Continued

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient or Level 3 methods for hedge funds and partnerships as of June 30:

	2026			
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Hedge Funds at NAV				
Sculptor Overseas Fund II, Ltd.	\$ 27,340	\$ N/A	(a)	(a)
HBK Offshore Fund Ltd.	6,471,840	N/A	(b)	(b)
Graham Capital Management, LP	3,591,454	N/A	(c)	(c)
Taconic Opportunity Fund, Ltd.	128,111	N/A	(d)	(d)
Pointer Offshore, Ltd.	4,443,112	N/A	(e)	(e)
D.E. Shaw Cogence International Fund, LP	1,561,806	N/A	(f)	(f)
D.E. Shaw Large Cap Core Enhanced Fund, LLC	10,314,407	N/A	(f)	(f)
Arrowstreet United States Equity Trust Fund	10,780,046	N/A	(g)	(g)
Atalan Long Offshore Fund, Ltd.	9,010,107	N/A	(h)	(h)
	<u>\$ 46,328,223</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Partnerships at Level 3				
Kayne Anderson Energy Fund	\$ 1,670	\$ -	(i)	(i)
Amberbrook IX LP	2,105,070	603,250	(i)	(i)
Venture Investment Association	398,657	116,649	(i)	(i)
NGP Natural Resources XI	155,912	11,883	(i)	(i)
Twinbridge Capital Partners	1,303,135	1,658,572	(i)	(i)
HarborVest 2025 Global Fund LP	438,294	3,298,150	(i)	(i)
RCP SOF V Cayman Feeder LP	34,158	1,841,182	(i)	(i)
	<u>\$ 4,436,876</u>	<u>\$ 7,529,686</u>		

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements, Continued

	2025			
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Hedge Funds at NAV				
Sculptor Overseas Fund II, Ltd.	\$ 25,566	\$ N/A	(a)	(a)
HBK Offshore Fund Ltd.	5,788,154	N/A	(b)	(b)
Graham Capital Management, L.P.	3,300,319	N/A	(c)	(c)
Taconic Opportunity Fund, Ltd.	275,449	N/A	(d)	(d)
Pointer Offshore, Ltd.	3,147,048	N/A	(e)	(e)
	<u>\$ 12,536,536</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Partnerships at Level 3				
Kayne Anderson Energy Fund	\$ 1,643	\$ -	(i)	(i)
Amberbrook IX LP	1,609,851	843,792	(i)	(i)
Venture Investment Association	389,945	111,664	(i)	(i)
NGP Natural Resources XI	180,142	11,374	(i)	(i)
Twinbridge Capital Partners	570,742	2,230,731	(i)	(i)
	<u>\$ 2,752,323</u>	<u>\$ 3,197,561</u>		

- a) Advanced notice for request for redemption varies from 30 to 90 days before the quarterly redemption date.
- b) Request for redemption must be received at least 90 days before the quarterly redemption date. An investor may redeem up to 25% of its interests (measured by net asset value) as of the end of any calendar quarter. If an investor requests the maximum permissible redemption on consecutive redemption dates, then such investor generally may redeem its entire interest over four consecutive redemption dates. An investor may skip up to two redemption dates without resetting these percentages.
- c) No minimum holding period for an investment of shares. Minimum partial redemption of \$50,000 and redemptions resulting in ownership of less than \$100,000 are not allowed. Funds are generally redeemable as of the last business day of each month, upon thirty business days' prior written notice to the Administrator.
- d) Redemption has a two-year restriction from the date of subscription and during this time, the Foundation cannot redeem more than 25% of the shares. After two-year restriction, the fund requires 60 days' notice of redemption.
- e) Redemption has a two-year restriction from the date of the subscription. The Foundation can redeem on June 30 or December 31, limited to 50%, with 105 days' notice.
- f) Redemption is not limited and can be made at any time given prior written notice.
- g) Redemption is not limited and written notice is required prior to redemption dates that vary by unit holder.
- h) Advanced notice for request for redemption is 60 days before the quarterly redemption date.
- i) The fund managers determine the amount, timing and form of all distributions made by these funds.

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements, Continued

Transfers Between Levels – The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting periods. Management evaluates the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to the net assets available for benefits.

Note 5. Pledges Receivable

The Foundation has recognized unconditional pledges receivable, which are due to be collected as follows as of June 30:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
In one year or less	\$ 572,657	\$ 288,592
Between one and five years	<u>822,615</u>	<u>510,617</u>
	1,395,272	799,209
Less:		
Discount to net present value	(123,870)	(87,027)
Allowance	<u>(69,764)</u>	<u>(39,960)</u>
Pledges receivable, net	<u>\$ 1,201,638</u>	<u>\$ 672,222</u>

At June 30, 2026, two donors accounted for approximately 29 percent of total gross pledges receivable. At June 30, 2025, four donors accounted for approximately 55 percent of total gross pledges receivable.

Note 6. Pension Plan

The Foundation has adopted the USC - Business Partnership Foundation 401(k) and PS Plan (the "Plan"), a tax-qualified defined contribution retirement plan, for all full-time Foundation employees. As a participant under the Plan, employees may elect to contribute a portion of their compensation to the plan. The Plan is also referred to as a "safe harbor 401(k) plan". A safe harbor 401(k) plan is a plan design where the employer commits to making certain contributions. In order to maintain "safe harbor" status, the Foundation will make a contribution equal to 3% of the employee's eligible compensation, regardless of whether the employee contributes or not. The Foundation also matches 100% of employee contributions up to 3% of the employee's eligible compensation. These contributions are 100% vested. During the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025, the Foundation made employer contributions totaling \$107,246 and \$87,190, respectively, to the Plan.

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Note 7. Endowments

The Foundation's endowment consists of approximately 200 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments. As required by GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Interpretation of relevant law:

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation has interpreted the South Carolina Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (SCUPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation retains in perpetuity (a) the original value of gifts donated to the endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the endowment, and (c) accumulations to the endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. Donor-restricted amounts not retained in perpetuity are subject to appropriation for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by SCUPMIFA.

In accordance with SCUPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. The duration and preservation of the fund
2. The purposes of the Foundation and the donor-restricted endowment fund
3. General economic conditions
4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation
5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the Foundation
7. The investment policies of the Foundation

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2026:

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds			
Subject to appropriate for specified purpose	\$ -	\$ 52,635,004	\$ 52,635,004
Restricted to investment in perpetuity	-	44,467,714	44,467,714
Board-designated endowment funds	<u>83,720,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,720,768</u>
Total funds	<u>\$ 83,720,768</u>	<u>\$ 97,102,718</u>	<u>\$180,823,486</u>

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Note 7. Endowments, Continued

Changes in endowment net assets for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026:

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 72,042,943	\$ 83,057,133	\$ 155,100,076
Investment return:			
Investment income, net	1,308,700	1,342,040	2,650,740
Realized and unrealized gains	<u>12,852,964</u>	<u>13,009,428</u>	<u>25,862,392</u>
Total investment return	<u>14,161,664</u>	<u>14,351,468</u>	<u>28,513,132</u>
Contributions	<u>250,000</u>	<u>3,372,377</u>	<u>3,622,377</u>
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditures	<u>(1,237)</u>	<u>(2,360,861)</u>	<u>(2,362,098)</u>
Other changes (transfers)	<u>(2,732,602)</u>	<u>(1,317,399)</u>	<u>(4,050,001)</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 83,720,768</u>	<u>\$ 97,102,718</u>	<u>\$180,823,486</u>

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2025:

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds			
Subject to appropriate for specified purpose	\$ -	\$ 42,001,860	\$ 42,001,860
Restricted to investment in perpetuity	-	41,055,273	41,055,273
Board-designated endowment funds	<u>72,042,943</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,042,943</u>
Total funds	<u>\$ 72,042,943</u>	<u>\$ 83,057,133</u>	<u>\$155,100,076</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025:

Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 65,566,168	\$ 75,788,779	\$141,354,947
Investment return:			
Investment income, net	1,315,541	1,287,618	2,603,159
Realized and unrealized gains	<u>8,557,834</u>	<u>8,078,037</u>	<u>16,635,871</u>
Total investment return	<u>9,873,375</u>	<u>9,365,655</u>	<u>19,239,030</u>
Contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>1,492,203</u>	<u>1,492,203</u>
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditures	<u>(2,704)</u>	<u>(2,347,305)</u>	<u>(2,350,009)</u>
Other changes (transfers)	<u>(3,393,896)</u>	<u>(1,242,199)</u>	<u>(4,636,095)</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 72,042,943</u>	<u>\$ 83,057,133</u>	<u>\$155,100,076</u>

Note 7. Endowments, Continued

Funds with deficiencies:

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or SCUPMIFA requires the Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration (underwater endowments). The Foundation has interpreted SCUPMIFA to permit spending from underwater endowments in accordance with prudent measures required under law. There were no underwater endowments as of June 30, 2026 and 2025.

Return objectives:

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment funds that will attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the organization must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period(s) as well as Board-designated funds.

Strategies employed for achieving objectives and risk parameters:

Because the Foundation is expected to endure indefinitely, and because inflation is a key component in its performance objective, the Investment Committee believes the long-term risk of not investing in growth securities outweighs the short-term volatility risk. As a result, the majority of assets will be invested in equity or equity-like securities. Fixed income securities will be used to lower the short-term volatility of the portfolio and to provide income stability, especially during periods of weak or negative equity markets. Cash is not a strategic asset of the portfolio but is a residual to the investment process and used to meet short-term liquidity needs. Other asset classes are included to provide diversification (e.g., international equities) and incremental return (e.g., small cap equities). Non-traditional investments (e.g., alternatives) may also be incorporated into the portfolio to improve its diversification attributes or improve the expected rate of return.

Spending policy and how the investment objectives relate to spending policy:

For the years ended June 30, 2026 and 2025, the spending allocation was a maximum of 4.25% of the three-year average market value of the account as of June 30, with the preferred minimum being the previous year's spending. This is consistent with the Foundation's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

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Note 8. Functional Expenses

The consolidated financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, these expenses require allocation or assignment on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. Operational salaries and benefits are allocated based on estimates of time and effort. All other expenses are allocated based on direct cost with the remainder allocated to administration.

The Foundation's expenses by functional classification consist of the following for the years ended June 30:

	2026					Supporting Services	
	Program				Total Program	Administration	Total Expenses
	Continuing Education	Academic Support	Scholarships and Student Assistance	External Relations and Other			
Scholarships and fellowships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,149,588	\$ -	\$ 4,149,588	\$ -	\$ 4,149,588
Faculty supplements	-	1,093,516	-	-	1,093,516	-	1,093,516
Program delivery - salaries and benefits	2,831,261	285,722	61,883	807,180	3,986,046	-	3,986,046
Contracted services	520,107	464,827	6,225	241,229	1,232,388	133,349	1,365,737
Advertising and promotion	100,721	35,952	13,680	283,914	434,267	11,338	445,605
Office expenses	28,459	16,093	2,874	109,331	156,757	12,066	168,823
Occupancy and rental	41,676	17,016	2,429	160,943	222,064	18,045	240,109
Information technology	91,821	14,914	2,056	21,276	130,067	37,163	167,230
Travel, conferences and meetings	497,524	382,306	69,524	713,548	1,662,902	67,056	1,729,958
Awards and gifts	51,326	103,794	1,977	21,882	178,979	12,988	191,967
Professional fees and insurance	27,198	1,728	-	4,744	33,670	219,865	253,535
Salaries and benefits - operations	96,967	-	1,324	675,844	774,135	857,028	1,631,163
Other expenses	61,580	58,373	17,865	93,838	231,656	30,964	262,620
Total expenses	<u>\$ 4,348,640</u>	<u>\$ 2,474,241</u>	<u>\$ 4,329,425</u>	<u>\$ 3,133,729</u>	<u>\$ 14,286,035</u>	<u>\$ 1,399,862</u>	<u>\$ 15,685,897</u>

	2025					Supporting Services	
	Program				Total Program	Administration	Total Expenses
	Continuing Education	Academic Support	Scholarships and Student Assistance	External Relations and Other			
Scholarships and fellowships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,523,613	\$ -	\$ 3,523,613	\$ -	\$ 3,523,613
Faculty supplements	-	881,751	-	-	881,751	-	881,751
Program delivery - salaries and benefits	3,021,996	358,191	79,083	364,370	3,823,640	-	3,823,640
Contracted services	510,838	316,728	6,344	353,974	1,187,884	199,959	1,387,843
Advertising and promotion	127,604	328,666	33,538	402,584	892,392	2,375	894,767
Office expenses	29,079	139,484	961	44,934	214,458	32,169	246,627
Occupancy and rental	81,022	35,492	655	167,735	284,904	20,676	305,580
Information technology	76,918	26,541	7,214	53,051	163,724	21,206	184,930
Travel, conferences and meetings	509,754	616,850	109,084	981,155	2,216,843	10,898	2,227,741
Awards and gifts	64,136	23,364	3,177	31,220	121,897	2,325	124,222
Professional fees and insurance	33,759	110	-	4,333	38,202	228,008	266,210
Salaries and benefits - operations	64,385	-	-	546,176	610,561	669,327	1,279,888
Other expenses	78,315	175,024	38,039	110,095	401,473	6,588	408,061
Total expenses	<u>\$ 4,597,806</u>	<u>\$ 2,902,201</u>	<u>\$ 3,801,708</u>	<u>\$ 3,059,627</u>	<u>\$ 14,361,342</u>	<u>\$ 1,193,531</u>	<u>\$ 15,554,873</u>

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Note 9. Summary of Net Assets

Net assets were available for the following purposes at June 30:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Net assets without donor restrictions		
General	\$ 9,110,898	\$ 9,307,001
Corporate Solutions, LLC	2,689,389	3,330,770
Board-designated endowments	<u>83,720,768</u>	<u>72,042,943</u>
Total	<u>\$ 95,521,055</u>	<u>\$ 84,680,714</u>

The endowment component of net assets without donor restrictions is comprised of amounts (gifts and net investment income) designated by the Board to function as endowments which amounted to \$83,720,768 and \$72,042,943 as of June 30, 2026 and 2025, respectively.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Undesignated	\$ 22,097,461	\$ 17,142,821
Quasi-endowment	<u>61,623,307</u>	<u>54,900,122</u>
Total	<u>\$ 83,720,768</u>	<u>\$ 72,042,943</u>
Net assets with donor restrictions		
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose	\$ 5,201,341	\$ 4,518,570
Endowments		
Subject to appropriation and expenditure for specified purpose	52,635,004	42,001,860
Restricted to investment in perpetuity		
Income is subject to expenditure for specified purpose	<u>44,467,714</u>	<u>41,055,273</u>
Total endowments	<u>97,102,718</u>	<u>83,057,133</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$102,304,059</u>	<u>\$ 87,575,703</u>

As of June 30, 2026 and 2025, net assets with donor restrictions are included in pledges receivable, investments and cash and cash equivalents.

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Note 10. Liquidity and Availability of Resources

Assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the consolidated statement of financial position dates, comprise the following as of June 30:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Total assets:	\$198,292,224	\$173,203,251
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year due to:		
Contractual or donor-imposed restrictions:		
Restricted by donor with time or purpose restrictions	(97,102,718)	(83,057,133)
Subject to appropriation and satisfaction of donor restrictions	(5,201,341)	(4,518,570)
Less amounts not available to be used within one year due to illiquidity:		
Prepaid expenses	(133,838)	(28,915)
Less non-current amounts:		
Pledges receivable, net	(657,615)	(398,058)
Cash surrender value of life insurance	(104,300)	(100,482)
Board-designated endowment funds	<u>(83,720,768)</u>	<u>(72,042,943)</u>
Assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 11,371,644</u>	<u>\$ 13,057,150</u>

The Foundation is primarily funded by contributions from donors that can impose restrictions. Those restrictions require that resources be used in a certain manner or in a future period. Therefore, the Foundation must maintain adequate resources to meet those responsibilities to its donors and certain financial assets may not be available for general expenditures within one year. As part of its liquidity management, the Foundation has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations become due. The Foundation invests its cash in excess of its daily needs in short-term investments, certificates of deposit, money market funds and a pooled investment fund managed by the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation. In addition, the Board of Trustees designates amounts to its quasi-endowment fund that could be utilized in the event of an unanticipated liquidity need.

Note 11. Subsequent Events

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, the Foundation has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 2, 2026, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.