

Form **990****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**A** For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending**B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization **Tennessee Aquarium**
Doing business as
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
One Broad Street, P.O. Box 11048
City or town State ZIP code
Chattanooga TN 37402
Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county Foreign postal code

D Employer identification number**58-1837154****E** Telephone number**(423) 785-2054****G** Gross receipts \$ **36,745,620****F** Name and address of principal officer:**Gordon A Stalans 201 Chestnut Street, P.O. Box PO Box 11048, Chattanooga****H(a)** Is this a group return for subsidiaries? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all subsidiaries included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ((insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: **www.tnaqua.org****H(c)** Group exemption number**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other**L** Year of formation: **1989****M** State of legal domicile: **TN****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: The mission of the Tennessee Aquarium is to connect people with nature and empower them to make informed decisions about water and wildlife
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 12
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 12
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a) 346
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 350
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 524,902
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 3,999,600
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 22,815,463
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 473,247
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6a, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 1,089,225
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 28,377,535
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) 0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0
Expenses	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) 11,957,654
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 549,696
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) 13,682,883
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 25,640,537
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 2,736,998
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16) 81,816,887
Net Assets or Fund Balances	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 18,239,281
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 63,577,606

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer

Gordon A Stalans

Date

11/15/2024**Vice-President: COO, CFO, CIO**

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Gordon A Stalans

Preparer's signature

Gordon A Stalans

Date

12/13/2024Check ☒ if self-employed

PTIN

Firm's name

Firm's EIN

Firm's address

Phone no.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. ☐ Yes ☒ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III**Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The mission of the Tennessee Aquarium is to connect people with nature and empower them to make informed decisions about water and wildlife

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.**4a** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 18,790,335 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

The Tennessee Aquarium, a highly visited attraction, consistently rates very high in guest satisfaction. After more than 30 years, the Aquarium continues to be a major catalyst for economic development, providing strong fiscal and economic impacts on the region. In 2023, the Aquarium welcomed more than 779,000 visitors. Guests are immersed in the fascinating stories of life above and below the water within our River Journey and Ocean Journey buildings. Habitats replicating global ecosystems are home to more than 10,000 animals representing 550 species. Many animals are part of species survival plans coordinated by zoos and aquariums across the country. The Aquarium has been continuously accredited by The Association of Zoos and Aquariums for over 30 years, affirming our commitment to the highest standards of animal care. This accreditation also reflects our dedication to the best practices in other facets of our profession. The Aquarium also operates an IMAX 3D theater showing educational and inspiring films daily.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 711,906 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

The rivers of the southeastern United States harbor some of the highest freshwater diversity on the planet. The Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute furthers the mission of the Tennessee Aquarium by conducting scientific studies, restoring and protecting our region's natural ecosystems, and educating the public to take conservation action. Scientific research is performed in a LEED Gold-certified freshwater science center on the banks of the Tennessee River. There, our scientists identify which southeastern waters have the greatest biodiversity. This is vital for our conservation planning in the Southeast because it can be used to identify hotspots of diversity that need protection. One signature program is the propagation and reintroduction of Lake Sturgeon to the Tennessee River. The Tennessee Aquarium and its partners have released more than 400,000 Lake Sturgeon.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 597,602 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

The Tennessee Aquarium is a leader in environmental and conservation education and has received overwhelming acclaim for its education programs. Frequently honored for its conservation education and research work, the Aquarium has also received awards for its customer service and visitor experience, including Conservation Education of the Year from the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, Office of the Governor Environmental Stewardship award, and the North American Conservation award. Aquarium educators have connected more than 2.5 million students with the natural world through the Aquarium's dynamic living collection. School groups can select from several activities, including self-guided tours of the Aquarium, standards-based classroom programs, and educational IMAX films. The Aquarium offers complimentary admission and bus transportation for economically disadvantaged students in Title 1 schools.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e Total program service expenses 20,099,843

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A.	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions.	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.	3	X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.	4 X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.	5	X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.	6	X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.	7	X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.	8	X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV.	9	X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.	10 X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.	11a X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.	11b	X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.	11c	X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.	11d	X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	11e X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	11f X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII.	12a X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional.	12b	X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.	13	X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV.	14b	X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV.	15	X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.	16	X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions.	17 X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.	18 X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.	19	X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.	20a	X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.	21	X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i>	X	
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a.</i>	X	
24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		X
24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		X
24d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		X
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
25b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	X	
28b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	X	
28c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	X	
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II.</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1.</i>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI.</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V. ☐

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	43	
1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	346
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O.	3b	X
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	X
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O.	14b	
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15	X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16	X
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI. ☒ X

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year.	12	
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent.	12	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a	X
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O.	9	X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	X
b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13.	12a	X
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done.	12c	X
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official.	15a	X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization.	15b	X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed TN

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website ☒ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain on Schedule O)

19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
GORDON A STALANS 423-785-2054
201 CHESTNUT STREET, CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII. ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Individual officer	Individual trustee or director	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Walter K Sanford President, CEO	40.00 0.00		X					303,434		10,016
(2) Gordon Stalans Vice President	40.00 0.00				X			237,064		21,792
(3) Anna George Vice President	40.00 0.00				X			158,987		12,625
(4) Julie Piper Vice President	40.00 0.00				X			159,686		453
(5) Thom Benson Vice President	40.00 0.00				X			144,766		10,016
(6) Melanie King Vice President	40.00 0.00					X		142,758		4,901
(7) Thom Demas Vice President	40.00 0.00					X		133,701		4,901
(8) Peter Burman Director	40.00 0.00					X		130,841		4,877
(9) Rodney Fuller Director	40.00 0.00					X		122,297		10,016
(10) Micheal Floyd Vice President	40.00 0.00					X		113,834		12,625
(11) Val Armstrong Chair	8.00 0.00	X		X				0		
(12) Catherine Colby Secretary	4.00 0.00	X		X				0		
(13) Cameron Doody Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(14) Wade Hinton Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0		

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Individual trustee or director	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) Candy C. Johnson Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(16) Harrison Lewis Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(17) Stacy Lightfoot Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(18) Scott Pierce Vice Chair/Chair Elect	4.00 0.00	X		X				0		
(19) Matthew Rasmussen Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(20) Patrick Stowe Treasurer	4.00 0.00	X		X				0		
(21) Daphne Kirksey Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(22) Shalin Tejani Trustee	2.00 0.00	X						0		
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Subtotal								1,647,368	0	92,222
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0	0	0
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,647,368	0	92,222

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization

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3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.

	Yes	No
3		X

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.

4	X	
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5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person.

5		X
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Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
IMPACTS RESEARCH 3720 FALCON RIDGE DRIVE MEDINA, OH 44256	DIGITAL ADVERTISING & M	1,248,674
ELECTRIC POWER BOARD 10 W MLK BOULEVARD CHATTANOOGA, TN 37401	ELECTRIC SERVICE	1,215,276
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF T 1 CAMERON HILL CIRCLE CHATTANOOGA, TN 37401	GROUP HEALTH INSURAN	969,701
COUNTS COMPANY 102 CEDAR LANE CHATTANOOGA, TN 37421	CONSTRUCTION SERVICE	659,747
EAGLE MECHANICAL 370 DIRECT CONNECTION DRIVE ROSSVILLE, GA	HVAC SERVICES	553,278

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

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Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII. ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a	0			
	b	Membership dues	1b	2,555,883			
	c	Fundraising events	1c	45,590			
	d	Related organizations	1d	0			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	781,975			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	862,242			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 0			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		4,245,690			
	Program Service Revenue				Business Code		
2a		Admissions Revenue	713990	20,345,364	20,345,364		
b		Auxiliary Sales	713990	2,498,864	2,498,864		
c		Parking Fees	900002	1,018,974	1,018,974		
d		Photography Fees	713990	754,525	754,525		
e		Education Program Fees		382,610	382,610		
f		All other program service revenue		0			
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		25,000,337			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,096,791			1,096,791
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5	Royalties		0			
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	730,765			
			(ii) Personal				
			6b	321,540			
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c	409,225	0		
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		409,225	409,225		
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	4,608,059	0		
			(ii) Other				
			7b	4,746,952	0		
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c	-138,893	0		
	d	Net gain or (loss)		-138,893			
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 45,590 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18.					
			8a	120,500			
			8b	31,653			
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		88,847			
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19.						
		9a	0				
		9b	0				
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0				
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
		10a	142,793				
		10b	154,164				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		-11,371	-11,371			
Miscellaneous Revenue				Business Code			
	11a	Contract Services	541610	524,902		524,902	
	b	Sponsorship Income	713990	201,189	201,189		
	c	Other Income	713990	74,594	74,594		
	d	All other revenue		0			
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		800,685				
12	Total revenue. See instructions.		31,491,311	25,673,974	524,902	1,096,791	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX. ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	0			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,058,821	171,612	887,209	
6	Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	9,940,944	7,445,942	2,089,152	405,850
7	Other salaries and wages	0			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	601,365	384,156	189,955	27,254
9	Other employee benefits	1,054,825	439,595	596,087	19,143
10	Payroll taxes	790,472	557,656	203,196	29,620
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a	Management	0			
b	Legal	196,140		196,140	
c	Accounting	26,700		26,700	
d	Lobbying	13,200			13,200
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	121,812		121,812	
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	1,783,407	845,148	927,759	10,500
12	Advertising and promotion	1,730,975	1,727,270	1,835	1,870
13	Office expenses	75,048	15,510	58,206	1,330
14	Information technology	1,409,185	139,655	1,269,530	
15	Royalties	417,784	417,784		
16	Occupancy	2,341,955	2,005,494	336,461	
17	Travel	178,177	128,403	44,354	5,420
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	137,022	74,518	57,193	5,311
20	Interest	305,447	296,540	8,907	
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,717,413	3,538,191	179,222	0
23	Insurance	260,390		260,390	
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	OPERATING SUPPLIES	649,114	624,738	24,291	85
b	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	767,159	767,159		
c	SPECIMAN CARE	315,685	315,685		
d	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND DUES	89,477	42,153	45,344	1,980
e	All other expenses OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	371,259	162,634	180,492	28,133
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	28,353,776	20,099,843	7,704,237	549,696
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X. ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	830,473	1	1,149,238
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	5,876,376	2	2,280,082
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	19,246	3	19,246
	4	Accounts receivable, net	653,494	4	986,960
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use	0	8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	802,881	9	918,604
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 132,625,657		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 86,739,496	10c	45,114,328
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	45,886,161	11	34,808,582
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	27,578,771	12	0
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14	Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	169,485	15	197,479
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	81,816,887	16	85,474,519	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,748,230	17	2,215,359
	18	Grants payable	0	18	
	19	Deferred revenue	1,529,622	19	1,550,211
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	13,552,850	20	12,653,361
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	408,579	24	234,900
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	18,239,281	26	16,653,831
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	62,710,908	27	67,883,368
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	866,698	28	937,320
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances.	63,577,606	32	68,820,688
33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	81,816,887	33	85,474,519	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	31,491,311
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	28,353,776
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,137,535
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	63,577,606
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	2,105,547
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	68,820,688

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.

- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.

☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.

☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis

- c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.

- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?

- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public
Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Tennessee Aquarium

Employer identification number
58-1837154

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations 0
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total					0	0

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	4,052,641	4,709,571	3,739,814	4,187,600	4,245,690	20,935,316
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	4,052,641	4,709,571	3,739,814	4,187,600	4,245,690	20,935,316
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						20,935,316
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	4,052,641	4,709,571	3,739,814	4,187,600	4,245,690	20,935,316
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	371,596	411,779	524,401	550,677	1,096,791	2,955,244
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on				105,017	111,502	216,519
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	18,335,962	11,449,969	22,218,886	23,302,026	26,287,723	101,594,566
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						125,701,645
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	16.65%
15 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	19.60%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						0
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						0
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						0

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	0	0	0	0	0	0
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						0
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	0.00%
16 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	0.00%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.00%
18 Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.00%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

b 33 1/3% support tests—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

- 1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.
- 2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).
- 3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.
- b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination.
- c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.
- 4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.
- b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.
- c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.
- 5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in **Part VI**, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).
- b **Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?
- c **Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?
- 6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- 7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- 10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.
- b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)

Yes No

1		
2		
3a		
3b		
3c		
4a		
4b		
4c		
5a		
5b		
5c		
6		
7		
8		
9a		
9b		
9c		
10a		
10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

- 11** Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- a** A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?
- b** A family member of a person described on line 11a above?
- c** A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in **Part VI**.

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.
- 2** Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 1** Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- 1** Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- 2** Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s), or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).
- 3** By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
- a** ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.
- b** ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.
- c** ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).

2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.

- a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.
- b** Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.

3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.

- a** Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in **Part VI**.
- b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard.

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3.	4	0	0
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	0	0

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	0	0
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):			
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	0	0
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	0	0
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	0	0
6 Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	0	0
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	0	0
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	0	0

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1		0
2 Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2		0
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3		0
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4		0
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6		0

- 7 ☐ Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7 0
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6	9 0
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10 0.000

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
1	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			0
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023			
a	From 2018			
b	From 2019			
c	From 2020			
d	From 2021			
e	From 2022			
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e	0		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		0	
h	Applied to 2023 distributable amount			0
i	Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.	0		
4	Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$ 0			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		0	
b	Applied to 2023 distributable amount			0
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.	0		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		0	
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			0
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j and 4c.	0		
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a	Excess from 2019	0		
b	Excess from 2020	0		
c	Excess from 2021	0		
d	Excess from 2022	0		
e	Excess from 2023	0		

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Part II Section C Line 17a The organization maintains Development and Membership

Departments. Both departments solicit funds from the general public, community groups,

members, corporations, foundations, government and other charities. In addition to its

annual fund, support comes from periodic capital campaigns, government grants and other

gifts. The governing board is diverse and represents the public interest. The organization

provides facilities that are open daily to connect the general public with nature

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public
Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c) and Section 527

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then:

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then:

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then:

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization

Tennessee Aquarium

Employer identification number

58-1837154

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities."

2 Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions. \$

3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions.

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955. \$

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955. \$

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities. \$

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities. \$

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b. \$ 0

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses, and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990) 2023

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)		0												
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	13,200	0												
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	13,200	0												
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures		0												
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	13,200	0												
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	2,640	0												
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	660	0												
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0	0												
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	10,560	0												
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No													

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount				0	0
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					0
c Total lobbying expenditures				0	0
d Grassroots nontaxable amount				0	0
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					0
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures				0	0

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)	(b)	
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?		X	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?		X	
c Media advertisements?		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?	X		13,200
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		X	
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities?		X	
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.			13,200
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to not be described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912.			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912.			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members.	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year.	2a	
b Carryover from last year.	2b	
c Total.	2c	0
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 5033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues.	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See instructions.	5	0

Part IV Supplemental information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

Tennessee Aquarium

Employer identification number

58-1837154

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply):
☐ Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items.

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$

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Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).

a ☐ Public exhibition

d ☐ Loan or exchange program

b ☐ Scholarly research

e ☐ Other

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	0

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	6,571,415	8,182,744	7,177,157	6,763,501	5,737,828
b Contributions	3,478,600	5,000			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	1,408,711	-1,323,329	1,267,967	614,656	1,025,673
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs		293,000	262,380	201,000	
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	11,458,726	6,571,415	8,182,744	7,177,157	6,763,501

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment 98%

b Permanent endowment 2%

c Term endowment %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0	4,484,445		4,484,445
b Buildings	0	92,791,206	58,695,477	34,095,729
c Leasehold improvements	0			0
d Equipment	0	34,725,776	31,218,132	3,510,644
e Other	0	3,564,567	541,057	3,023,510
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B)).				45,114,328

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives	0	
(2) Closely held equity interests	0	
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B)).	0	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B)).	0	

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B)).	0

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	0
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B)).	0

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII. ☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	33,982,403
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a 2,105,547		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	2,105,547
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	31,876,856
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a 121,812		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b -507,357		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	-385,545
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	31,491,311

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	28,739,321
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	28,739,321
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a 121,812		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b -507,357		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	-385,545
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	28,353,776

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part XI Line 4b EXPENSES DEDUCTED FROM REVENUE IN 990, PART VIII: LINE 10B-COST OF GOOD

SOLD-\$154,164; LINE 6B- FACILITY RENTAL EXPENSES-\$321,540; LINE 8B-FUNDRAISING EVENT

EXPENSES-\$31,653

Part XII Line 4b EXPENSES DEDUCTED FROM REVENUE IN 990, PART VIII: LINE 10B-COST OF GOOD

SOLD-\$154,164; LINE 6B- FACILITY RENTAL EXPENSES-\$321,540; LINE 8B-FUNDRAISING EVENT

EXPENSES-\$31,653

Part X Line 2 THE AQUARIUM IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF

THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THE AQUARIUM BELIEVES THAT IT HAS APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR ANY

TAX POSITIONS TAKEN, AND AS SUCH, DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT ARE

MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE AQUARIUM'S FEDERAL EXEMPT ORGANIZATION TAX

RETURNS ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, GENERALLY FOR THREE

YEARS AFTER THEY ARE FILED.

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Tennessee Aquarium

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a** ☒ Mail solicitations **e** ☒ Solicitation of non-government grants
b ☒ Internet and email solicitations **f** ☒ Solicitation of government grants
c ☒ Phone solicitations **g** ☒ Special fundraising events
d ☒ In-person solicitations

- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1				0	0	0
2				0	0	0
3				0	0	0
4				0	0	0
5				0	0	0
6				0	0	0
7				0	0	0
8				0	0	0
9				0	0	0
10				0	0	0
Total				0	0	0

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

All States

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 Serve and Protect (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events NONE (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	166,090		0	166,090
	2 Less: Contributions	45,590		0	45,590
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	120,500		0	120,500
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes			0	0
	5 Noncash prizes			0	0
	6 Rent/facility costs			0	0
	7 Food and beverages	27,596		0	27,596
	8 Entertainment			0	0
	9 Other direct expenses	4,057		0	4,057
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				31,653
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				88,847

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				0
	2 Cash prizes				0
Direct Expenses	3 Noncash prizes				0
	4 Rent/facility costs				0
	5 Other direct expenses				0
6 Volunteer labor		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)					0
8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)					0

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name _____

Address _____

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ _____ 0 and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ _____ 0.
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name _____

Address _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name _____

Gaming manager compensation \$ _____ 0

Description of services provided _____

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor**17 Mandatory distributions:**

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year \$ _____ 0

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Tennessee Aquarium

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

Yes No

1b

2

4a

4b

4c

5a

5b

6a

6b

7

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X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

X

Part II

Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1	Walter K Sanford President, CEO	266,227	34,569	2,638	21,838	9,415	334,687	0
2	Gordon Stalans Vice President	198,520	36,830	1,714	17,257	9,198	263,519	0
3	Julie Piper Vice President	138,610	23,281	1,032	11,332	1,959	176,214	0
4	Thom Benson Vice President	127,128	16,608	1,032	10,514	9,263	164,543	0
5	Anna George Vice President	140,931	17,816	240	12,013	11,054	182,054	0
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Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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**SCHEDULE K
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Information on Tax-Exempt Bonds

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.

Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Part I Bond Issues

(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pooled financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF HA	52-1303489		5/26/2020	15,841,139	REFINANCING ISSUE		X		X		X
B											
C											
D											

Part II Proceeds

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Amount of bonds retired								
2 Amount of bonds legally defeased								
3 Total proceeds of issue		15,841,139						
4 Gross proceeds in reserve funds								
5 Capitalized interest from proceeds								
6 Proceeds in refunding escrows								
7 Issuance costs from proceeds								
8 Credit enhancement from proceeds								
9 Working capital expenditures from proceeds		56,406						
10 Capital expenditures from proceeds								
11 Other spent proceeds		15,784,733						
12 Other unspent proceeds								
13 Year of substantial completion								
14 Were the bonds issued as part of a refunding issue of tax-exempt bonds (or, if issued prior to 2018, a current refunding issue)?	X							
15 Were the bonds issued as part of a refunding issue of taxable bonds (or, if issued prior to 2018, an advance refunding issue)?		X						
16 Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X							
17 Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X							

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Part III Private Business Use

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?		X						
2 Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
3a Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
b If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?		X						
c Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
d If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government.								
5 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government.								
6 Total of lines 4 and 5.		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%
7 Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test?								
8a Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond-financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X						
b If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of.								
c If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?								
9 Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?								

Part IV Arbitrage

	A		B		C		D	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T, Arbitrage Rebate, Yield Reduction and Penalty in Lieu of Arbitrage Rebate?		X						
2 If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a Rebate not due yet?								
b Exception to rebate?								
c No rebate due?	X							
If "Yes" to line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed.								
3 Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?		X						

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K. See instructions. (continued)

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SCHEDULE L
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions With Interested Persons

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c; or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 501(c)(29) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b; or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958. \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization. \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												

Total \$ 0

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

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Schedule L (Form 990) 2023

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Part IV**Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TN	COO OF BCBS IS OFFIC	969,701	GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PR		X
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

Part V**Supplemental Information.**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L. See instructions.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11: THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES A COPY OF THE FORM 990 TO THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR REVIEW

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12: THE ORGANIZATION REQUIRES MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF

TRUSTEES TO READ AND SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ON AN ANNUAL BASIS WHILE DISCLOSING

ANY EXISTING CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO THE REST OF THE BOARD

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15: COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CEO OF THE

ORGANIZATION ARE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD AFTER A PERFORMANCE

ASSESSMENT. MARKET DATA AND COMPETITIVE SALARIES ARE ALSO REVIEWED WHEN DETERMINING THE

APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION LEVEL. THE CEO POSITION IS ALSO INCLUDED IN A COMPENSATION STUDY THAT

IS PERFORMED BY A THIRD PARTY CONSULTANT

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19: GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. IN ADDITION, FINANCIAL

STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE AND THIRD-PARTY SITES

Form 990, Part XII, Line 2C: THE PROCESS DID NOT CHANGE IN 2023

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceFor calendar year 2023, or tax year beginning _____, 2023, and ending _____, 20
For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T, 1120-POL, 4720, 8868, 5227, 5330, and 8038-CP

2023

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Name of filer

EIN or SSN

Tennessee Aquarium

58-1837154

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a below, and the amount on that line of the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). If you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than one line in Part I.

1a	Form 990 check here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	31,491,311
2a	Form 990-EZ check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	0
3a	Form 1120-POL check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	0
4a	Form 990-PF check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	0
5a	Form 8868 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	0
6a	Form 990-T check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	0
7a	Form 4720 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a	Form 5227 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	0
9a	Form 5330 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	0
10a	Form 8038-CP check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

- 11a ☐ I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.
- b ☐ If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that ☒ I am an officer of the above named entity or respect to (name of entity) Tennessee Aquarium, (EIN) 58-1837154, and that I have examined a copy of the 2023 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund.

Sign
Here

Signature of officer or person subject to tax

11/15/2024
DateVice-President: COO, CFO, CIO
Title, if applicable**Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)**

I declare that I have reviewed the above return and that the entries on Form 8453-TE are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The entity officer or person subject to tax will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS to the officer or person subject to tax, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature	Gordon A Stalans	Date	12/13/2024	Check if also paid preparer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN	414-88-8788
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code	Gordon A Stalans					EIN	
							Phone no.	

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	Gordon A Stalans	Gordon A Stalans			414-88-8788
	Firm's name	Gordon A Stalans		Firm's EIN	
	Firm's address			Phone no.	

Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

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for 501(c)(3)
Organizations Only

For calendar year 2023 or other tax year beginning and ending

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A ☐ Check box if address changed

B Exempt under section
☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 220(e)
☐ 408(e) ☐ 530(a)
☐ 408A ☐ 529A
☐ 529(a) ☐ 529A

C Book value of all assets at end of year 85,474,519

D Employer identification number 58-1837154

E Group exemption number (see instructions)

F ☐ Check box if an amended return.

G Check organization type ☒ 501(c) corporation ☐ 501(c) trust ☐ 401(a) trust ☐ Other trust ☐ State college/university
☐ 6417(d)(1)(A) Applicable entity

H Check if filing only to claim ☐ Credit from Form 8941 ☐ Refund shown on Form 2439 ☐ Elective payment amount from Form 3800

I Check if a 501(c)(3) organization filing a consolidated return with a 501(c)(2) titleholding corporation ☐

J Enter the number of attached Schedules A (Form 990-T) 1

K During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation

L The books are in care of GORDON STALANS Telephone number (423) 785-2054

Part I Total Unrelated Business Taxable Income

1	Total of unrelated business taxable income computed from all unrelated trades or businesses (see instructions)	44,763
2	Reserved	
3	Add lines 1 and 2	44,763
4	Charitable contributions (see instructions for limitation rules)	
5	Total unrelated business taxable income before net operating losses. Subtract line 4 from line 3	44,763
6	Deduction for net operating loss. See instructions	
7	Total of unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction and section 199A deduction. Subtract line 6 from line 5	44,763
8	Specific deduction (generally \$1,000, but see instructions for exceptions)	1,000
9	Trusts. Section 199A deduction. See instructions	
10	Total deductions. Add lines 8 and 9	1,000
11	Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 10 from line 7. If line 10 is greater than line 7, enter zero	43,763

Part II Tax Computation

1	Organizations taxable as corporations. Multiply Part I, line 11, by 21% (0.21)	9,190
2	Trusts taxable at trust rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on Part I, line 11, from: <input type="checkbox"/> Tax rate schedule or <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule D (Form 1041)	
3	Proxy tax. See instructions	
4	Other tax amounts. See instructions	
5	Alternative minimum tax	
6	Tax on noncompliant facility income. See instructions	
7	Total. Add lines 3 through 6 to line 1 or 2, whichever applies	9,190

Part III Tax and Payments

1a	Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116)	
b	Other credits (see instructions)	
c	General business credit. Attach Form 3800 (see instructions)	
d	Credit for prior-year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827)	
e	Total credits. Add lines 1a through 1d	0
2	Subtract line 1e from Part II, line 7	9,190
3a	Amount due from Form 4255	
b	Amount due from Form 8611	
c	Amount due from Form 8697	
d	Amount due from Form 8866	
e	Other amounts due (see instructions)	
f	Total amounts due. Add lines 3a through 3e	
4	Total tax. Add lines 2 and 3f (see instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> Check if includes tax previously deferred under section 1294. Enter tax amount here	9,190
5	Current net 965 tax liability paid from Form 965-A, Part II, column (k)	

Part III Tax and Payments (continued)

6a	Payments: Preceding year's overpayment credited to the current year	6a	
b	Current year's estimated tax payments. Check if section 643(g) election applies <input type="checkbox"/>	6b	
c	Tax deposited with Form 8868	6c	
d	Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions)	6d	
e	Backup withholding (see instructions)	6e	
f	Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (attach Form 8941)	6f	
g	Elective payment election amount from Form 3800	6g	
h	Payment from Form 2439	6h	
i	Credit from Form 4136	6i	
j	Other (see instructions)	6j	
7	Total payments. Add lines 6a through 6j	7	0
8	Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached <input type="checkbox"/>	8	
9	Tax due. If line 7 is smaller than the total of lines 4, 5, and 8, enter amount owed	9	9,190
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is larger than the total of lines 4, 5, and 8, enter amount overpaid	10	0
11	Enter the amount of line 10 you want: Credited to 2024 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11	0

Part IV Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

	Yes	No
1 At any time during the 2023 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If "Yes," the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country here		X
2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If "Yes," see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file		X
3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year \$		
4 Enter available pre-2018 NOL carryovers here \$ Do not include any post-2017 NOL carryover shown on Schedule A (Form 990-T). Don't reduce the NOL carryover shown here by any deduction reported on Part I, line 6.		
5 Post-2017 NOL carryovers. Enter the Business Activity Code and available post-2017 NOL carryovers. Don't reduce the amounts shown below by any NOL claimed on any Schedule A, Part II, line 17, for the tax year. See instructions.		
Business Activity Code	Available post-2017 NOL carryover	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
6a Reserved for future use		
b Reserved for future use		

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide any additional information. See instructions.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date	Title
			VICE PRESIDENT-COO, CFO
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date
	Gordon A Stalans	Gordon A Stalans	12/13/2024
	Firm's name	Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN	
	Firm's address	Firm's EIN Phone no.	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990-T)

Unrelated Business Taxable Income
From an Unrelated Trade or Business

OMB No. 1545-0047

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A Name of the organization TENNESSEE AQUARIUM	B Employer identification number 58-1837154
C Unrelated business activity code (see instructions) 561000	D Sequence: 1 of 1

E Describe the unrelated trade or business Administrative and support services

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income		(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1a Gross receipts or sales	202,402			
b Less returns and allowances		1c 202,402		
2 Cost of goods sold (Part III, line 8)		2		
3 Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c		3 202,402		202,402
4a Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D (Form 1041 or Form 1120)). See instructions		4a		
b Net gain (loss) (Form 4797) (attach Form 4797). See instructions		4b		
c Capital loss deduction for trusts		4c		
5 Income (loss) from a partnership or an S corporation (attach statement)		5		
6 Rent income (Part IV)		6		
7 Unrelated debt-financed income (Part V)		7		
8 Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from a controlled organization (Part VI)		8		
9 Investment income of section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organizations (Part VII)		9		
10 Exploited exempt activity income (Part VIII)		10		
11 Advertising income (Part IX)		11		
12 Other income (see instructions; attach statement)		12		
13 Total. Combine lines 3 through 12		13 202,402	0	202,402

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere See instructions for limitations on deductions. Deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income

1 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Part X)	1	
2 Salaries and wages	2	90,900
3 Repairs and maintenance	3	
4 Bad debts	4	
5 Interest (attach statement). See instructions	5	
6 Taxes and licenses	6	
7 Depreciation (attach Form 4562). See instructions	7	
8 Less depreciation claimed in Part III and elsewhere on return	8a	
9 Depletion	9	
10 Contributions to deferred compensation plans	10	
11 Employee benefit programs	11	13,635
12 Excess exempt expenses (Part VIII)	12	
13 Excess readership costs (Part IX)	13	
14 Other deductions (attach statement)	14	53,104
15 Total deductions. Add lines 1 through 14	15	157,639
16 Unrelated business income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 15 from Part I, line 13, column (C)	16	44,763
17 Deduction for net operating loss. See instructions	17	
18 Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 17 from line 16	18	44,763

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Schedule A (Form 990-T) 2023

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Part III Cost of Goods Sold Enter method of inventory valuation

1	Inventory at beginning of year	1	
2	Purchases	2	
3	Cost of labor	3	
4	Additional section 263A costs (attach statement)	4	
5	Other costs (attach statement)	5	
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5	6	0
7	Inventory at end of year	7	
8	Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 7 from line 6. Enter here and in Part I, line 2	8	0
9	Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Part IV Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)

1 Description of property (property street address, city, state, ZIP code). Check if a dual-use. See instructions.

A ☐ _____

B ☐ _____

C ☐ _____

D ☐ _____

	A	B	C	D
2 Rent received or accrued				
a From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)				
b From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)				
c Total rents received or accrued by property. Add lines 2a and 2b, columns A through D	0	0	0	0
3 Total rents received or accrued. Add line 2c, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 6, column (A)				0
4 Deductions directly connected with the income in lines 2a and 2b (attach statement)				
5 Total deductions. Add line 4, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 6, column (B)				0

Part V Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

1 Description of debt-financed property (street address, city, state, ZIP code). Check if a dual-use. See instructions.

A ☐ _____

B ☐ _____

C ☐ _____

D ☐ _____

	A	B	C	D
2 Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property				
3 Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property				
a Straight line depreciation (attach statement)				
b Other deductions (attach statement)				
c Total deductions (add lines 3a and 3b, columns A through D)	0	0	0	0
4 Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach statement)				
5 Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach statement)				
6 Divide line 4 by line 5	%	%	%	%
7 Gross income reportable. Multiply line 2 by line 6	0	0	0	0
8 Total gross income (add line 7, columns A through D). Enter here and on Part I, line 7, column (A)				0
9 Allocable deductions. Multiply line 3c by line 6	0	0	0	0
10 Total allocable deductions. Add line 9, columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 7, column (B)				0
11 Total dividends - received deductions included in line 10				

Part VI Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

Exempt Controlled Organizations					
1. Name of controlled organization	2. Employer identification number	3. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4. Total of specified payments made	5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations				
7. Taxable income	8. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9. Total of specified payments made	10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
Totals			0	0

Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (A)

Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (B)

Part VII Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

1. Description of income	2. Amount of income	3. Deductions directly connected (attach statement)	4. Set-asides (attach statement)	5. Total deductions and set-asides (add columns 3 and 4)
(1)				0
(2)				0
(3)				0
(4)				0
Totals		0		0

Add amounts in column 2. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (A)

Add amounts in column 5. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (B)

Part VIII Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

1	Description of exploited activity:	
2	Gross unrelated business income from trade or business. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (A)	2
3	Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (B)	3
4	Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If a gain, complete lines 5 through 7	4
5	Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	5
6	Expenses attributable to income entered on line 5	6
7	Excess exempt expenses. Subtract line 5 from line 6, but do not enter more than the amount on line 4. Enter here and on Part II, line 12	7

Part IX Advertising income

- 1 Name(s) of periodical(s). Check box if reporting two or more periodicals on a consolidated basis.

A ☐
B ☐
C ☐
D ☐

Enter amounts for each periodical listed above in the corresponding column.

	A	B	C	D
2 Gross advertising income				
a Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (A)				0
3 Direct advertising costs by periodical				
a Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (B)				0
4 Advertising gain (loss). Subtract line 3 from line 2. For any column in line 4 showing a gain, complete lines 5 through 8. For any column in line 4 showing a loss or zero, do not complete lines 5 through 7, and enter -0- on line 8	0	0	0	0
5 Readership costs				
6 Circulation income				
7 Excess readership costs. If line 6 is less than line 5, subtract line 6 from line 5. If line 5 is less than line 6, enter -0-	0	0	0	0
8 Excess readership costs allowed as a deduction. For each column showing a gain on line 4, enter the lesser of line 4 or line 7	0	0	0	0
a Add line 8, columns A through D. Enter the greater of the line 8a columns total or -0- here and on Part II, line 13				0

Part X Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percentage of time devoted to business	4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1)		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total. Enter here and on Part II, line 1			0

Part XI Supplemental Information (see instructions)

Form **8453-TE**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Tax Exempt Entity Declaration and Signature for E-file**For calendar year 2023, or tax year beginning _____, 2023, and ending _____, 20
For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T, 1120-POL, 4720, 8868, 5227, 5330, and 8038-CP
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OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Name of filer

EIN or SSN

58-1837154

TENNESSEE AQUARIUM**Part I Type of Return and Return Information**

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a below, and the amount on that line of the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). If you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than one line in Part I.

1a	Form 990 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	0
2a	Form 990-EZ check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	0
3a	Form 1120-POL check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	0
4a	Form 990-PF check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	0
5a	Form 8868 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	0
6a	Form 990-T check here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	9,190
7a	Form 4720 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a	Form 5227 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	0
9a	Form 5330 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	0
10a	Form 8038-CP check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b	Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

- 11a ☒ I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.
- b ☐ If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that ☒ I am an officer of the above named entity or ☐ I am the person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) TENNESSEE AQUARIUM (EIN) 58-1837154, and that I have examined a copy of the 2023 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund.

Sign**Here**

Signature of officer or person subject to tax

11/15/2024

Date

VICE PRESIDENT-COO, CFO

Title, if applicable

Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)

I declare that I have reviewed the above return and that the entries on Form 8453-TE are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The entity officer or person subject to tax will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS to the officer or person subject to tax, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature	Gordon A Stalans	Date	12/13/2024	Check if also paid preparer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN	414-88-8788
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code	Gordon A Stalans					EIN	
							Phone no.	

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Gordon A Stalans	Preparer's signature	Gordon A Stalans	Date		Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PTIN	414-88-8788
	Firm's name	Gordon A Stalans					Firm's EIN		
	Firm's address						Phone no.		

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Part II, Line 14 (Sch A (990-T)) - Other Deductions

1 Consulting fees	1	53,104
2 Total other deductions	2	53,104