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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Quimette Mike</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PLIANT THERAPEUTICS, INC. 260 LITTLEFIELD AVENUE (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PLIANT THERAPEUTICS, INC. [PLRX]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>General Counsel & Corp. Sec'y</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/19/2022</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/19/2022 | | A | | 13,594 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0 | 13,594 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2022 | | S | | 4,719 | D | \$19.1024 ⁽²⁾ | 8,875 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- On July 28, 2022, the Reporting Person was granted 54,375 performance-vested stock units, the vesting of which are subject to the achievement of various pre-established performance criteria. On December 19, 2022, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors certified the achievement of an operational performance criteria, resulting in the vesting of 13,594 shares.
- The sale price of the Reporting Person's shares represents the weighted average price of all shares sold by a broker at prices ranging from \$18.4049 to \$19.64, inclusive, on December 20, 2022 and December 21, 2022 on behalf of a group of employees of the Issuer to satisfy the payment of withholding tax liability of such employee in connection with the vesting of previously granted performance-vested stock units. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Pliant Therapeutics, Inc., any security holder of Pliant Therapeutics, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold on behalf of the group of employees of the Issuer at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (2) to this Form 4.

/s/ Mike Quimette 12/21/2022
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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