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| Instruction 1(b | | File | d pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 | | nours per response. 0.c | | | |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Lefebvre Eric | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PLIANT THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> [PLRX] | (Check all application) Director | ctor 10% Owner | | | |
| (Last) C/O PLIANT | (First) THERAPEUTIC | (Middle) , INC. | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/29/2023 | below) | (give title Other (specify below) | | | |
| 1 | ELD AVENUE | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Jo Line) | oint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | |
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| (Street) SOUTH SAN | СА | 94080 | | Form file Person | d by More than One Reporting | | | |
| FRANCISCO | | | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See I | | ion or written plan that is intended to | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2A. Deemed 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 6. Ownership 7. Nature Form: Direct (D) or Indirect of Indirect Beneficial Execution Date, (Month/Day/Year) if any 5) (Month/Day/Year) Owned Following (I) (Instr. 4) Ownership Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) ٧ Price Code Amount (Instr. 3 and 4) Common Stock 03/29/2023 21,874(1) **\$0.00** 157,031(2) D Α A

| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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) | Transaction of Code (Instr. De 8) Se Ac (A Di of (In | | 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) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

On July 28, 2022, the Reporting Person was granted 87,500 performance-vested stock units, the vesting of which are subject to the achievement of various pre-established performance criteria. On March 29, 2023, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors certified the achievement of an operational performance criteria, resulting in the vesting of 21,874 shares.
Includes 1,231 shares of Common Stock acquired by the Reporting Person pursuant to an Employee Stock Purchase Plan program.

Remarks:

/s/ Mike Ouimette, attorneyin-fact 03/31/2023

** 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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