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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hull Hans</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) <b>Chief Business Officer</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2022	
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		17,578 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0	146,939 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2022		s		8,748	D	\$19.1024 <sup>(3)</sup>	138,191	D	
Common Stock								3,821	I	See footnote <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								13,985	I	See footnote <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock								13,985	I	See footnote <sup>(6)</sup>

**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)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- On July 28, 2022, the Reporting Person was granted 70,313 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 17,578 shares.
- Includes 4,115 shares of Common Stock acquired by the Reporting Person pursuant to an employee stock purchase program.
- 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 (3) to this Form 4.
- The shares are held by The Sloger Hull Family Trust. The Reporting Person and his spouse serve as trustees for the trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- The shares are held by a trust for the Reporting Person's minor child ("Child A Trust"). The Reporting Person and his spouse serve as trustees for Child A Trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- The shares are held by a trust for the Reporting Person's minor child ("Child B Trust"). The Reporting Person and his spouse serve as trustees for Child B Trust. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

/s/ Mike Ouimette, attorney-in-fact 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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