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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Shah Smital</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>C/O PLIANT THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u><br><u>260 LITTLEFIELD AVENUE</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>PLIANT THERAPEUTICS, INC. [ PLRX ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>06/13/2024</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) |
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|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V | Amount                                                            | (A) or (D) | Price |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                                       |

**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 |                                                                                   |                                            |                                                                                                    |                                                           |                                                        | Title |
| Common Stock (Right to Buy)                | \$13.06                                                | 06/13/2024                           |                                                    | A                              |   | 26,764                                                                                 |     | (I)                                                      | 06/13/2034      | Common Stock                                                                      | 26,764                                     | \$0                                                                                                | 26,764                                                    | D                                                      |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. 25% of the shares subject to such option vest and become exercisable on the first day of each calendar quarter for three calendar quarters following the June 13th, 2024 grant date and the remaining 25% of the shares subject to such option vest and become exercisable on the earlier of (i) the one-year anniversary of the June 13, 2024 grant date or (ii) the next annual meeting of stockholders, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service to the Issuer as a Director through each such date or, if earlier, such annual meeting.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Mike Ouimette, attorney-in-fact 06/17/2024

\*\* 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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