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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| | | | | | or Se | ction 30(h) a | of the | Investme | nt Co | npany Act c | of 1940 | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] WORLAND STEPHEN T | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc.</u> [EFTR] | | | | | | | | ck all applica | tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | |
| | ECTOR TI | =irst) HERAPEUTICS T SUITE A | (Middle) , INC. | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/25/2021 | | | | | | | X | below) Presid | | | Other (s below) Executive | 2 |
| (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92121 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | idividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | т | able I - Noi | n-Deriva | ative S | Securities | s Ac | quired. | Dis | posed of | f, or Ber | eficially | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | | 2. Transa Date (Month/D | action 2A. Deemed Execution Da pay/Year) if any | | A. Deemed xecution Date, | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. | | ties Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 | | 5. Amount of | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 au | on(s) | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | | | | 08/25 | 5/2021 | | A | | 512,33 | 9 A | (1) | 512,339 | | | I | By Trust | |
| Common Stock Common Stock | | | 08/25/2021 | | | | A | | 50,000 |) A | \$10 | 562,339 | | | I | By Trust | |
| | | | 08/25 | 08/25/2021 | | | | Γ | 193,14 | 1 A | A (1) | | 755,480 | | D | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | curities / | | , | | , | | | owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y | Cod | saction e (Instr. | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y | | te of Securities | | ies g Security | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numb derivativ Securitie Beneficia Owned Followin Reported Transact | ee Ownersh Form: ally Direct (D or Indired g (I) (Instr. | Ownership | Beneficial Ownershi t (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Cod | e V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$0.52 | 08/25/2021 | | А | | 33,799 ⁽²⁾ | | (3) | | (3) 12/16/2023 Common Stock 33,799 \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 33,799 | | D | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$0.73 | 08/25/2021 | | A | | 217,284 ⁽²⁾ | | (4) | | 12/03/2024 | Common Stock | 217,284 | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 217,2 | 284 | D | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$1.14 | 08/25/2021 | | A | | 619,018 ⁽²⁾ | | (5) | | (5) 01/07/2026 Common Stock 619,018 | | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 619,018 | | D | | |
| Stock Option (Right to | \$1.14 | 08/25/2021 | | А | | 144,856 ⁽²⁾ | | (6) | | 02/16/2026 | Common Stock | 144,856 | \$0.00 ⁽¹⁾ | 144,8 | 356 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

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1. On August 25, 2021, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 26, 2021 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Issuer (f/k/a Locust Walk Acquisition Corp.), Locust Walk Merger Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), and eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc. ("Old eFFECTOR"), Merger Sub merged with and into Old eFFECTOR with Old eFFECTOR surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer (the "Merger"). Upon consummation of the Merger (the "Effective Time"), each issued and outstanding share of common stock of Old eFFECTOR was automatically cancelled and converted into approximately 0.09657 (the "Exchange Ratio") shares of common stock of the Issuer.

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2. At the Effective Time, each outstanding option to purchase shares of old eFFECTOR common stock (each an "old eFFECTOR Option") was automatically cancelled and converted into an option to purchase a number of shares of common stock of the Issuer equal to (i) the number of shares of old eFFECTOR common stock subject to the applicable old eFFECTOR Option multiplied by (ii) the Exchange Ratio, rounded down to the nearest whole share.

3. The stock option vests 25% on December 17, 2014, and in 36 monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service through the applicable vesting date.

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4. The stock option vests 25% on December 4, 2015, and in 36 monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service through the applicable vesting date.

5. The stock option vests 25% on January 8, 2017, and in 36 monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service through the applicable vesting date.

6. The stock option vests 25% on February 17, 2017, and in 36 monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service through the applicable vesting date.

7. The stock option vests 25% on August 21, 2018, and in 36 monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service through the applicable vesting date.

8. Each earn-out right represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock. Pursuant to an "Earn-Out" provision in the Merger Agreement, the earn-out rights vest upon the Issuer's common

stock achieving a price per share which equals or exceeds \$20.00 over at least 20 trading days out of a 30 consecutive trading day period prior to August 26, 2023.

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** 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).

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