FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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LLC⁽¹⁾ By Locust

Walk

Partners LLC(2)

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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>Ehrlich Christopher B</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>eFFECTOR Therapeutics</u> , <u>Inc.</u> [EFTR] | | | | | | | ionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owne | | | | | |
|---|------------------------|---------------------|---|---|----------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|--|---|----------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) C/O EFFECTO 11120 ROSELL | (First) R THERAPEUTICS | (Middle) 5, INC. | | 08/25/ | | ` | | | | Officer (give title below) | e Other (specify below) | | | | |
| (Street) SAN DIEGO (City) | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | Ti | | n-Deriva | ative S | ecurities Acqu | uired, | Disp | oosed of, o | r Bene | ficially | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities A Disposed Of (I | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 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(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | 08/25/ | /2021 | | С | | 142,168 | A | \$0.00 | 142,168 | I | By Locust Walk Partners | | |

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) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | Deri Sec Acq or D of (I | umber of vative urities uired (A) visposed D) (Instr. 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) | 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 | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| Class B Common Stock | (3)(4) | 08/25/2021 | | D | | | 132,832 | (3)(4) | (3)(4) | Common Stock | 132,832 | \$0.00 | 142,168 ⁽⁵⁾ | I | By Locust Walk Partners LLC ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class B Common Stock | (3) | 08/25/2021 | | С | | | 142,168 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 142,168 | (3) | 0 | I | By Locust Walk Partners LLC ⁽¹⁾ |
| Class B Common Stock | (3) | 08/25/2021 | | D | | | 966 | (3)(4) | (3)(4) | Common Stock | 966 | \$0.00 | 1,034 ⁽⁵⁾ | I | By Locust Walk Partners LLC(⁽²⁾ |
| Class B Common Stock | (3) | 08/25/2021 | | С | | | 1,034 | (3) | (3) | Common Stock | 1,034 | (3) | 0 | I | By Locust Walk Partners LLC ⁽²⁾ |

Explanation of Responses:

Common Stock

- 1. Represents shares held directly by the Sponsor, of which Locust Walk Partners LLC ("LWP") is a member. LWP has allocated these shares to the reporting person.
- 2. Represents shares held directly by the Sponsor, of which LWP is a member. LWP has allocated these shares to the reporting person's spouse.

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- 3. 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"). In connection with and upon consummation of the Merger, each of the Issuer's outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock automatically converted into one share of Class A Common Stock were automatically reclassified in shares of common stock.
- 4. Pursuant to an agreement by and between the Issuer and Locust Walk Sponsor, LLC (the "Sponsor"), concurrent with the consummation of the Merger, these shares of Class B Common Stock were forfeited to the Issuer immediately prior to the Merger.
- 5. As a former principal of the manager of the Sponsor, the reporting person previously reported all securities held by the Sponsor. As of the date hereof, the reporting person is no longer a principal of the entity with control over the securities held by the Sponsor, accordingly, this report only includes securities to the extent of the reporting person's and his spouse's pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

/s/ Michael Byrnes, Attorneyin-Fact for Chris Ehrlich

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** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of the Chief Executive Officer, who is currently Stephen Worland, Ph.D. and the Chief Financial Officer, who is currently Michael Byrnes, and their respective successors, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC of reports required by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the SEC;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of eFFECTOR THERAPEUTICS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") and/or beneficial owner of more than 10% of the Company's capital stock, Forms 3, 4, and 5 and any amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The undersigned agrees that each such attorney-in-fact herein may rely entirely on information furnished orally or in writing by the undersigned to such attorney-in-fact. The undersigned also agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and each such attorney-in-fact against an losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in these reports) that arise out of or are based upon any untrue statements or omission of necessary facts in the information provided by the undersigned to such attorney-in-fact for purposes of executing, acknowledging, delivering or filing Forms 3, 4 or 5 (including amendments thereto) or Form ID and agrees to reimburse the Company and such attorney-in-fact for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with investigating or defending against any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action.

This Power of Attorney supersedes any power of attorney previously executed by the undersigned regarding the purposes outlined in the first paragraph hereof ("Prior Powers of Attorney"), and the authority of the attorney-in-fact named in any Prior Powers of Attorney is hereby revoked.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 27th day of August, 2021.

/s/ Chris Ehrlich Name: Chris Ehrlich