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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>ROBIN HOWARD W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS</u> <u>455 MISSION BAY BLVD SOUTH</u> (Street) <u>SAN FRANCISCO</u> <u>CA</u> <u>94158</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEKTAR THERAPEUTICS</u> [<u>NKTR</u>] Foreign Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President & CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/24/2026</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)
			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)
							Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
<u>Stock Option⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>\$15.15</u>	<u>07/24/2026</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>57,200</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>12/12/2032</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>57,200</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>57,200</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. These stock options were granted on December 13, 2024 under the 2017 Amended and Restated Performance Incentive Plan and at the time of their grant were subject to both performance-based and time-based vesting requirements. The time-based vesting is on a monthly pro-rata basis over a period of five years from the date of grant.
2. The Organization and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer determined on July 23, 2026 that the performance-based vesting requirement for these stock options was satisfied and these stock options vested on July 24, 2026 (subject to remaining time-based vesting requirements).

Elizabeth Zhang, Attorney-in-Fact
** Signature of Reporting Person

07/24/2026
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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