

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol              | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)  |
| <u>Billingsley Chester</u>                | <u>Mentor Capital, Inc. [ MNTR ]</u>                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)      Other (specify below)<br><u>Chief Executive Officer</u> |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)         | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)   |
| <u>5964 CAMPUS COURT</u>                  | <u>02/12/2026</u>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |
| (Street)                                  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |
| <u>PLANO TX 75093</u>                     |  |   |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                      |  |   |

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 |   |  |   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/12/2026                           |  | P                              |   |   | 2,000  | A   | \$0.089  | 3,176,296   | D |
| Common Stock                    | 02/17/2026                           |  | P                              |   |   | 550    | A   | \$0.088  | 3,176,846   | D |

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  | Amount or Number of Shares |      |
| Series D Warrants                          | \$0.02   |                                      |  |                                |  |  |   |   |  | 04/11/2000   | 05/11/2038  | Common Stock   | 47,274                     |      |
| Series Q Preferred Shares                  | (1)  |                                      |  |                                |  |  |   | (1)   | (1)  |  |   | Common Stock   | 2,592,159 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 11 D |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Series Q Preferred Stock is convertible into Common Stock, at the option of the holder, at any time after the date of issuance of such share and prior to the date of redemption of such share of Series Q Preferred Stock by the Company, into such number of fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock as determined by dividing the Series Q Conversion Value by the Conversion Price at the time in effect for such share. The Series Q Preferred Shares can be converted into Common Stock at no additional cost. The Series Q Preferred Shares have no expiration date.

2. The per share Series Q Conversion Value, as defined in the Certificate of Designation, shall be calculated by the Company at least once each calendar quarter. The per share Series Q Conversion Value shall be equal to the quotient of the Core Q Holdings Asset Value divided by the number of issued and outstanding shares of Series Q Preferred Stock. The Conversion Price of the Series Q Preferred Stock shall be at the product of one hundred and five percent and the closing price of the Common Stock of the Company on a date designated and published by the Company. On December 31, 2025, 11 Series Q Convertible Preferred Shares were eligible to be converted into 2,592,159 shares of the Company's Common Stock.

/s/ Chester Billingsley

02/17/2026

\*\* 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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