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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Slaughter James Richard</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 800 GESSNER SUITE 600 (Street) HOUSTON TX 77024 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc.</u> [SKWD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CUO - Apollo / Division of Skyward Group
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2026	
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			
Common Stock	01/01/2026		A ⁽¹⁾		55,475 ⁽²⁾	A	\$50	55,475	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2026		A ⁽¹⁾		12,724 ⁽³⁾	A	\$50	12,724	I	Hillside Family Trust 2025 ⁽⁴⁾

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)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- On January 1, 2026, the Issuer completed the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of Apollo Group Holdings Limited ("Apollo"). Pursuant to the terms of the Apollo Share Purchase Agreements, the consideration for the acquisition of Apollo was satisfied by the issuance of shares of Common Stock by the Issuer to the "Minority Sellers" and together with the "Majority Sellers", the "Sellers" with the remainder paid by the Issuer to the Sellers in cash.
- The Reporting Person was a Seller in the transaction and as such acquired 55,475 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer at a purchase price of \$50.00 per share, in conjunction with the completion of the transaction.
- The Reporting Person is Trustee of Seller in the transaction and as such acquired 12,724 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer at a purchase price of \$50.00 per share, in conjunction with the completion of the transaction.
- The Reporting Person is Trustee of the entity.

/s/ Patricia Ryan, Attorney-in-Fact 01/05/2026

** 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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