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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Instruction 1(b).   |

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br>Shaunty Leslie |         |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc.</u> [<br><u>SKWD</u> ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |         |          |   | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)   |  |  |  |  |
| (Last)<br>800 GESSNER<br>SUITE 600                                     | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>01/03/2025  | GENERAL COUNSEL & SECRETARY  |  |  |  |  |
|  |         |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)                                      |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>HOUSTON  | ТХ      | 77024    |   | Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person            |  |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)    |   | Person   |  |  |  |  |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                         |  |                    |               |                                 | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|--|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---|---|------------|
|                                 |  |   | Code V                  |  | Amount             | (A) or<br>(D) | Price                           | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock                    | 01/03/2025                                 |   | <b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup> |  | 457(2)             | D             | <b>\$</b> 47.731 <sup>(3)</sup> | 20,751(4)   | D   |            |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2025                                 |   | <b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup> |  | 344 <sup>(2)</sup> | D             | \$47.072 <sup>(3)</sup>         | 20,407  | D   |            |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

|   | (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)        |  |   |                              |   |      |     |  |                    |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|------|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of E |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. On January 1, 2022, the Reporting Person was granted a Restricted Stock Award in the amount of 2,532 shares. Each share is equivalent to one share of the Company's common stock. This award fully vested on January 1, 2025. Sales transacted to cover taxes and fees incurred by vesting event.

2. The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on August 8, 2024.

3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$46.545 to \$49.01, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.

4. The number of securities reported reflects the May 31, 2024 acquisition of 239 shares and the December 1, 2024 acquisition of 334 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc. 2022 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") for the ESPP purchase periods of December 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, and June 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024, respectively.

/s/ Stacy E. Skelton, Attorney-01/06/2025

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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).

\*\* 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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