

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Byrd Heath		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ EVP and CFO	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 4401 COLWICK ROAD		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/12/2021			
(Street) CHARLOTTE, NC 28211		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	04/12/2021		M ⁽¹⁾		12,729	A	\$ 16.76	118,490	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/12/2021		S ⁽¹⁾		12,729	D	\$ 49.83 (2)	105,761	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2021		M ⁽¹⁾		9,281	A	\$ 16.76	115,042	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/13/2021		S ⁽¹⁾		9,281	D	\$ 49.17 (3)	105,761	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/14/2021		M ⁽¹⁾		45,483	A	\$ 16.76	151,244	D	
Class A Common Stock	04/14/2021		S ⁽¹⁾		45,483	D	\$ 49.8 (4)	105,761	D	
Class A Common Stock								23,651	I	by Bucknell Avenue, LLC

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V		(A)	(D)						Date Exercisable
Options to purchase	\$ 16.76	04/12/2021		M ⁽¹⁾		12,729	04/10/2020 ⁽⁵⁾	04/10/2030	Class A Common Stock	12,729	\$ 0	189,750	D	
Options to purchase	\$ 16.76	04/13/2021		M ⁽¹⁾		9,281	04/10/2020 ⁽⁵⁾	04/10/2030	Class A Common Stock	9,281	\$ 0	180,469	D	
Options to purchase	\$ 16.76	04/14/2021		M ⁽¹⁾		45,483	04/10/2020 ⁽⁵⁾	04/10/2030	Class A Common Stock	45,483	\$ 0	134,986	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Byrd Heath C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 4401 COLWICK ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28211			EVP and CFO	

Signatures

/s/ Heath R. Byrd		04/14/2021
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) Employee stock options exercised and underlying shares sold pursuant to pre-established 10b5-1 Trading Plan.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$49.35 per share to \$50.07 per share. The price reported reflects the weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$49.00 per share to \$49.40 per share. The price reported reflects the weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$49.00 per share to \$50.24 per share. The price reported reflects the weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

The date indicated is the grant date, and the options vest in three equal installments on the anniversary of the grant date, subject to continued employment requirements and compliance with certain restrictive covenants.

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