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SCHEDULE 14A

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Your **Vote** Counts!

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Vote by April 28, 2026

11:59 PM ET

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.
4401 COLWICK ROAD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28211



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You invested in SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the stockholder meeting to be held on April 29, 2026.**

Get informed before you vote

You can view the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and the 2025 Annual Report to Stockholders online OR you can receive a free paper or e-mail copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to April 15, 2026. If you would like to request a paper or e-mail copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an e-mail to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an e-mail, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or e-mail copy.



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Point your camera here and vote without entering a control number



Vote in Person at the Meeting*

April 29, 2026
2:00 PM ET

Sonic Automotive, Inc.
4401 Colwick Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

For directions to attend the 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, please call (704) 566-2400.

*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of Directors Nominees:	
1a. David Bruton Smith	✓ For
1b. Jeff Dyke	✓ For
1c. William I. Belk	✓ For
1d. William R. Brooks	✓ For
1e. Michael Hodge	✓ For
1f. Keri A. Kaiser	✓ For
1g. B. Scott Smith	✓ For
1h. Marcus G. Smith	✓ For
1i. R. Eugene Taylor	✓ For
2. Ratification of the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP to serve as Sonic's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2026.	✓ For
3. Advisory vote to approve Sonic's named executive officer compensation in fiscal 2025.	✓ For
4. Approval of the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2026 Equity Incentive Plan.	✓ For
5. Approval of the amendment and restatement of the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2012 Formula Restricted Stock and Deferral Plan for Non-Employee Directors.	✓ For
NOTE: In their discretion, the proxy holders are authorized to vote on such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. EACH OF PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5 HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.	