

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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obligations may continue. See
Instruction 1(b).

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>LAZAR MELVIN F</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.</u> <u>333 EARLE OVINGTON BLVD, SUITE 900</u> (Street) <u>UNIONDALE NY 11553</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ARBOR REALTY TRUST INC</u> [<u>ABR</u>] Foreign Trading Symbol 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/28/2026</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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			

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)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units	(I)	08/28/2026		A ⁽¹⁾		1,842	(I)	(I)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	1,842	\$5.02	56,266	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On August 28, 2026, Mr. Lazar received 1,842 fully vested Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. in lieu of the dividend equivalent due on Mr. Lazar's existing RSUs. Mr. Lazar has elected to defer his dividend equivalents and receipt of the common stock into which the RSUs are converted until his service as a director is terminated, or sooner upon a change in control, pursuant to a pre-established deferral election.

/s/ Maysa Vahidi, Attorney-in-Fact for Melvin F. Lazar 09/01/2026

** 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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