FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Hsu Frank J. |                          |        | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2022  3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Apexigen, Inc. [ APGN ] |  |  |  |  |                   |  |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------|---|--|--|--|--|-------------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APEXIGEN, INC.             |                          |        |   | 4. Relationship of Reporting<br>Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director | g Person(s)<br>10% O   |  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                   |  |  |
| 75 SHOREWAY ROAD, SUITE C                              |                          |        |   |  | X Officer (give title below)   | Other (                                      | specify 6. I   |                   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing<br>Check Applicable Line) |  |
| (Street) SAN CARLOS                                    | CA 94070                 |        |   |  | Chief Medical  | l Officer                                    |  | X                 | Person   | by One Reporting by More than One Person           |
| (City)   | (State) (Zip)            |        |   |  |  |  |  |                   |  |  |
|  |                          | Tab    | le I - No   | n-Derivat  | ive Securities Benefi  | cially Ov                                    | vned   |                   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)                        |                          |        | 2. Amount of Securities   |  |  |  | 1. Nature of Indirect Beneficial<br>Ownership (Instr. 5) |                   |  |  |
|  |                          |        |   |  | Beneficially Owned (Instr.<br>4)   | (D) or In                                    | direct   | Owne              | ership (Instr. !   | 5)   |
|  |                          |        |   | Derivative   |  | (D) or Ir<br>(I) (Instr                      | direct<br>. 5)   |                   | ership (Instr. !   | 5)   |
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#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. One-fourth of the shares subject to the option vest on August 30, 2022 and 1/36th of the remaining shares vest monthly thereafter.

#### Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Francis Sarena, by power of attorney

08/08/2022

\*\* Signature of Reporting

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 5 (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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#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, as a Section 16 reporting person of Apexigen, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints William Duke, Jr. Francis Sarena and Amy Wong, and each of them, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. complete and execute Forms 3, 4 and 5 and other forms and all amendments thereto as such attorney-in-fact shall in his discretion determine to be required or advisable pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or any successor laws and regulations, as a consequence of the undersigned's ownership, acquisition or disposition of securities of the Company; and
- 2. do all acts necessary in order to file such forms with the SEC, any securities exchange or national association, the Company and such other person or agency as the attorneys-in-fact shall deem appropriate.

The undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys- in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended).

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 15th day of July, 2022.

Signature: /s/ Frank Hsu

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Print Name: Frank Hsu