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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Duke William E.</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O APEXIGEN, INC.</u> <u>900 INDUSTRIAL ROAD, SUITE C</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>SAN CARLOS CA 94070</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Apexigen, Inc. [ APGN ]</u>	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) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/23/2023</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.		

**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			
Common Stock	08/23/2023		F		26,416 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$0.3851	128,001	D	
Common Stock	08/23/2023		D		128,001	D	<sup>(2)</sup>	0	D	

**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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.46	08/23/2023		D			269,848	<sup>(3)</sup>	10/07/2032	Common Stock	269,848	<sup>(3)</sup>	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The shares were withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting of restricted stock units.
- Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 23, 2023 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Issuer, Pyxis Oncology, Inc. ("Pyxis"), and Ascent Merger Sub Corp., at the effective time of the merger (the "Effective Time"), each share of Issuer common stock was exchanged for 0.1725 shares of Pyxis common stock and rounded down to the nearest whole share.
- One-fourth of the shares vested on June 6, 2023 and 1/48th of the shares vest monthly thereafter. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, at the Effective Time, the option was assumed by Pyxis and converted into an option to purchase 46,547 shares of Pyxis common stock at an exercise price of \$14.27 per share.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Francis Sarena, by power of attorney 08/25/2023

\*\* 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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