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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>White William Richard</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AKERO THERAPEUTICS, INC. 601 GATEWAY BOULEVARD, SUITE 350  (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Akero Therapeutics, Inc. [ AKRO ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____  <b>Chief Financial Officer</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/13/2022</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	09/13/2022		M <sup>(1)</sup>		32,500	A	\$7.009	36,929	D	
Common Stock	09/13/2022		S <sup>(1)</sup>		18,920	D	\$26.42 <sup>(2)</sup>	18,009	D	
Common Stock	09/13/2022		S <sup>(1)</sup>		13,580	D	\$27.87 <sup>(3)</sup>	4,429	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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$7.009	09/13/2022		M		32,500	(4)	04/04/2029	Common Stock	32,500	\$0.00	281,829	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The reported transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan dated June 2, 2021, previously adopted by the Reporting Person.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted-average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$26.22 to \$26.61, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (2) and (3) to this Form 4.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$27.24 to \$28.09, inclusive.
- 25% of this option vested on April 1, 2020, and the remaining 75% of this option shall vest in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Jonathan Young, Attorney-in-Fact 09/15/2022

\*\* 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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