FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 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

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| purchase or sale issuer that is inte | of equity securities of the of equity securities of the nded to satisfy the se conditions of Rule estruction 10. | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Addre | ss of Reporting Personal Berlee C | on [*] | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LENZ Therapeutics, Inc. [LENZ] | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner |
| | (First) ERAPEUTICS, IN VIEW AVE SUITE | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/21/2024 | Officer (give title Other (specify below) |
| (Street) DEL MAR | CA | 92014 | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| in this or county (mounty) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, | 3. Transac Code (Ir 8) | tion | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | | Securities Form Beneficially Owned or In Following Reported (Ins | Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|------|---|---------------|--|---|--|------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |

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 | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transac Code (li 8) | | 5. Numb Derivativ Securitie Acquired Dispose (D) (Instrand 5) | ve es d (A) or d of | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | curities Underlying Derivative rivative Security (Instr. | | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$15.05 | 03/21/2024 | | A | | 27,000 | | (1) | 03/20/2034 | Common Stock | 27,000 | \$0 | 27,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Subject to the Reporting Person continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Issuer's 2024 Equity Incentive Plan) through each applicable date, one thirty-sixth (1/36th) of the shares subject to the option shall vest each month following the Vesting Commencement Date on the same day of the month as the Vesting Commencement Date (and if there is no corresponding day, on the last day of the month). "Vesting Commencement Date" shall mean March 21, 2024.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Evert Schimmelpennink, as Attorney-in-Fact

03/25/2024

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned, as a Section 16 reporting person of LENZ Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints Evert Schimmelpennink, Mark Spring, Daniel Koeppen, Ben Capps and Bridget Balisy the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact to:

- 1. complete and execute Forms 3, 4 and 5 and other forms and all amendments thereto as such attorneys-in-fact shall in their 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
- do all acts necessary in order to file such forms with the Securities and Exchange Commission, 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 agent 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, is 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 21st day of March 2024.

| Signature: /s | s/ Kimberlee C. Drapkin | |
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| Print Name: | Kimberlee C. Drankin | |