SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Amendment No. 3)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Applied Optoelectronics, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock, \$0.001 par value</u> (Title of Class of Securities)

> 03823U102 (CUSIP Number)

<u>July 24, 2020</u> (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the following box to designate the rule pursuant to which the Schedule is filed:

- □ Rule 13d-1(b)
- ⊠ Rule 13d-1(c)
- □ Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. 13-4046559			
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (a) [] (b) []			
3.	SEC Use Only			
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware			
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With		5.	Sole Voting Power -0-	
		6.	Shared Voting Power 1,019,761	
		7.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-	
		8.	Shared Dispositive Power 1,019,761	
9.	Aggregate An 1,019,761	nount I	Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	
10.	Check if the A	Aggrega	ate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) []
11.	Percent of Cla 4.8%	ass Rep	presented by Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Repo	rting P	erson (See Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. 13-3799946		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (a) [] (b) []		
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place Delaware	of Organization	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	5.	Sole Voting Power -0-	
	6.	Shared Voting Power 1,116,133	
	7.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-	
	8.	Shared Dispositive Power 1,116,133	
9.	Aggregate Amount E 1,116,133	Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)		I
11.	Percent of Class Rep 5.3% ¹	presented by Amount in Row (9)	

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO

¹ Subsequent to our most recent filing for this Issuer dated March 16, 2020, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. ceased to be a beneficial owner of more than 5% of the class of securities. On July 24, 2020, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. again became a beneficial owner of more than 5% of the class of securities.

- **Names of Reporting Persons** 1. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. 13-3695715 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) 2. (a) 1 (b) [] 3. SEC Use Only 4. **Citizenship or Place of Organization** Delaware Number of 5. **Sole Voting Power** Shares Beneficially Owned by -0-Each Reporting **Person With** 6. **Shared Voting Power** 1,231,921 7. **Sole Dispositive Power** -0-**Shared Dispositive Power** 8. 1,234,221 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 9. 1,234,221 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) [] 10. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 11. 5.8%
 - 12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA, PN

- 1. Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) David E. Shaw
- 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 (a) []
 (b) []
- 3. SEC Use Only
- **4. Citizenship or Place of Organization** United States

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each	5.	Sole Voting Power	
Reporting Person With			
	6.	Shared Voting Power 1,231,921	
	7.	Sole Dispositive Power -0-	
	8.	Shared Dispositive Power 1,234,221	
9.	Aggregate Amount E 1,234,221	Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	
10.	Check if the Aggrega	nte Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) []

- **11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)** 5.8%
- 12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN

	(a)	Name of Issuer Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.	
	(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executiv 13139 Jess Pirtle Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77478	ve Offices
Item 2.			
	(a)	Name of Person Filing D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. David E. Shaw	
	(b)	Address of Principal Business Office of The business address for each reporting 1166 Avenue of the Americas, 9 th Floor New York, NY 10036	person is:
	(c)	D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. is a limited li	s a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. ability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. nership organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. l States of America.
	(d)	Title of Class of Securities Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	
	(e)	CUSIP Number 03823U102	
Item 3.		If this statement is filed pursuant to F	Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
Not Ap	plicable		
Item 4.		Ownership	
As of Ju	uly 24, 20	20:	
(a) An	10unt ben	eficially owned:	
D.	E. Shaw '	Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:	1,019,761 shares This is composed of (i) 162,984 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 20,000 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through the

the right to acquire through convertible securities.

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:

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1,116,133 shares This is composed of (i) 162,984 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 20,000 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through the exercise of call options, (iii) 836,777 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through convertible securities, (iv) 94,907 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C., and (v) 1,465 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C.

exercise of call options, and (iii) 836,777 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:

David E. Shaw:

1,234,221 shares

This is composed of (i) 162,984 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 20,000 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through the exercise of call options, (iii) 836,777 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through convertible securities, (iv) 94,907 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C., (v) 1,465 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., and (vi) 118,088 shares under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.

1,234,221 shares

4.8% 5.3% 5.8% 5.8%

This is composed of (i) 162,984 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., (ii) 20,000 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through the exercise of call options, (iii) 836,777 shares that D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has the right to acquire through convertible securities, (iv) 94,907 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C., (v) 1,465 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., and (vi) 118,088 shares under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.

(b)	Percent of class:
	D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:
	D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:
	D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:
	David E. Shaw:

(c) Number of shares to which the person has:

(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	
	D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:	-0- shares
	D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	-0- shares
	D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	-0- shares
	David E. Shaw:	-0- shares

(11) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	
	D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:	1,019,761 shares
	D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	1,116,133 shares
	D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	1,231,921 shares
	David E. Shaw:	1,231,921 shares

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposit	ion of:
D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:	-0- shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	-0- shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	-0- shares
David E. Shaw:	-0- shares
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the dispo	osition of:
D.E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.	1.019.761 sh

D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:	1,019,761 shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	1,116,133 shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	1,234,221 shares
David E. Shaw:	1,234,221 shares

David E. Shaw does not own any shares directly. By virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., which in turn is the investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C. and the managing member of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Adviser, L.L.C., which in turn is the investment Management, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Adviser, L.L.C., which in turn is the investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., and by virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., II, Inc., which is the managing member of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., which in turn is the manager of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., which in turn is the manager of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., which in turn is the manager of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Walence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., which in turn is the manager of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Walence Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C. and the managing member of D. E. Shaw Manager, L.L.C., which in turn is the manager of D. E. Shaw Asymptote Portfolios, L.L.C., David E. Shaw may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 1,231,921 shares, and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 1,234,221 shares, the 1,234,221 shares as described above constituting 5.8% of the outstanding shares and, therefore, David E. Shaw may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of such shares. David E. Shaw disclaims beneficial ownership of such 1,234,221 shares.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following 🗵.

As of the date hereof, D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities.

Item 6. Not Applicable	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.
Item 7.	Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.
Not Applicable	
Item 8. Not Applicable	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group
Item 9. Not Applicable	Notice of Dissolution of Group
Item 10.	

By signing below, each of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., and David E. Shaw certify that, to the best of such reporting person's knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. Powers of Attorney, dated March 1, 2017, granted by David E. Shaw in favor of Nathan Thomas, are attached hereto.

Dated: August 3, 2020

- D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.
- By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u> Nathan Thomas Authorized Signatory
- D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.
- By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u> Nathan Thomas Authorized Signatory
- D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.
- By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u> Nathan Thomas Chief Compliance Officer

David E. Shaw

By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u> Nathan Thomas Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw

Exhibit 1

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR CERTAIN REGULATORY FILINGS INCLUDING CERTAIN FILINGS UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940

I, David E. Shaw, hereby make, constitute, and appoint each of:

Edward Fishman,

Julius Gaudio,

Martin Lebwohl,

Maximilian Stone,

David Sweet,

Nathan Thomas, and

Eric Wepsic,

acting individually, as my agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for the purpose of, from time to time, (i) executing in my name and/or my capacity as President of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc. (acting for itself or as the general partner of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. and general partner, managing member, or manager of other entities, any of which in turn may be acting for itself or other entities) all documents, certificates, instruments, statements, other filings, and amendments to the foregoing (collectively, "documents") determined by such person to be necessary or appropriate to comply with any registration or regulatory disclosure requirements and/or ownership or control-person reporting requirements imposed by any United States or non-United States governmental or regulatory authority, including without limitation Form ADV, Forms 3, 4, 5, and 13F, and Schedules 13D and 13G required to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and (ii) delivering, furnishing, or filing any such documents to or with the appropriate governmental or regulatory authority. Any such determination shall be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution, delivery, furnishing, and/or filing of the applicable document.

This power of attorney shall be valid from the date hereof and replaces the power granted on January 1, 2017, which is hereby cancelled.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have executed this instrument as of the date set forth below.

Date: March 1, 2017

DAVID E. SHAW, as President of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc. /s/ David E. Shaw New York, New York

Exhibit 2

POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR CERTAIN REGULATORY FILINGS INCLUDING CERTAIN FILINGS UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AND THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940

I, David E. Shaw, hereby make, constitute, and appoint each of:

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Maximilian Stone,

David Sweet,

Nathan Thomas, and

Eric Wepsic,

acting individually, as my agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for the purpose of, from time to time, (i) executing in my name and/or my capacity as President of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc. (acting for itself or as the managing member of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. and general partner, managing member, or manager of other entities, any of which in turn may be acting for itself or other entities) all documents, certificates, instruments, statements, other filings, and amendments to the foregoing (collectively, "documents") determined by such person to be necessary or appropriate to comply with any registration or regulatory disclosure requirements and/or ownership or control-person reporting requirements imposed by any United States or non-United States governmental or regulatory authority, including without limitation Form ADV, Forms 3, 4, 5, and 13F, and Schedules 13D and 13G required to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and (ii) delivering, furnishing, or filing any such documents to or with the appropriate governmental or regulatory authority. Any such determination shall be conclusively evidenced by such person's execution, delivery, furnishing, and/or filing of the applicable document.

This power of attorney shall be valid from the date hereof and replaces the power granted on January 1, 2017, which is hereby cancelled.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have executed this instrument as of the date set forth below.

Date: March 1, 2017

DAVID E. SHAW, as President of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc. /s/ David E. Shaw New York, New York

<u>Exhibit 3</u>

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of the undersigned Reporting Persons hereby agrees to the joint filing, along with all other such Reporting Persons, on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, of Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., and that this Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filing. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby executes this Agreement as of this 3rd day of August, 2020.

D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.

- By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u> Nathan Thomas Authorized Signatory
- D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.
- By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u> Nathan Thomas Authorized Signatory

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.

By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u> Nathan Thomas Chief Compliance Officer

David E. Shaw

By: <u>/s/ Nathan Thomas</u> Nathan Thomas Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw