

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

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 purchase or sale of equity
securities of the issuer that is
intended to satisfy the affirmative
defense conditions of Rule 10b5-
1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BLACK RICHARD B</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.</u> <u>13139 JESS PIRTLE BLVD.</u> (Street) <u>SUGAR LAND TX</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC. [</u> <u>AAOI]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/15/2026</u> 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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, \$.001 par value	09/15/2026		G ⁽¹⁾		2,200	D	\$0.00	159,092	I	By Trust
Common Stock, \$.001 par value								4,237	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	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents a bona fide gift of shares to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization by The Richard B. Black Revocable Trust U/A Dtd. Aug 31, 1998; Richard B. Black TTEE. The shares were held by the Reporting Person in a revocable living trust of which the Reporting Person is the sole trustee and beneficial owner.

/s/ David C. Kuo, attorney in
fact for Richard B. Black

09/17/2026

** 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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