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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Schall Benjamin</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC. 4040 WILSON BOULEVARD STE 1000 (Street) ARLINGTON VA 22203 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES INC [AVB]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) CEO & President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/26/2026	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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, par value \$.01 per share	02/26/2026		A		9,586 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0	84,684.2339 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/26/2026		A		33,996 ⁽³⁾	A	\$0	118,680.2339 ⁽²⁾	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					
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$179.67	02/26/2026		A		21,772 ⁽⁴⁾		03/01/2027 ⁽⁵⁾	02/26/2036	Common Stock	\$0	21,772	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$221.58							03/01/2026 ⁽⁶⁾	02/26/2035	Common Stock		9,473	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$172.11							03/01/2025 ⁽⁷⁾	02/13/2034	Common Stock		12,651	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$177.83							03/01/2024 ⁽⁸⁾	02/23/2033	Common Stock		10,073	D	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$236.14							03/01/2023 ⁽⁹⁾	02/17/2032	Common Stock		8,304	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Reflects grant of shares of restricted stock under the Company's Second Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Incentive Plan, which shares are subject to vesting requirements.
- The amount of securities owned following the reported transaction reflects direct ownership of all shares of common stock, including restricted shares.
- Reflects shares earned in connection with previously awarded performance share units issued under the Company's Second Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Incentive Plan.
- Reflects grant of options under the Company's Second Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Incentive Plan.
- These options vest in three equal annual installments, with the first installment vesting on 3/1/2027.
- These options vest in three equal annual installments, with the first installment having vested on 3/1/2026.
- These options vest in three equal annual installments, with the first installment having vested on 3/1/2025.
- These options vest in three equal annual installments, with the first installment having vested on 3/1/2024.
- These options vest in three equal annual installments, with the first installment having vested on 3/1/2023.

Edward M. Schulman, as attorney-
in-fact under Power of Attorney; 03/02/2026
dated January 19, 2021

** 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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