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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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.

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Clinton Malissia</u> | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Meritage Homes CORP [MTH]</u> | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP - Gen. Counsel, Secretary</u> | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/23/2026</u> | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| 18655 NORTH CLARET DRIVE SUITE 400 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| (Street) <u>SCOTTSDALE AZ 85255</u> | | | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | |

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 | | | |
| MTH Common Stock | 02/23/2026 | | S | | 4,405 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$75.9 ⁽²⁾ | 19,983 | D | |
| MTH Common Stock | 02/23/2026 | | S | | 548 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$77.05 ⁽³⁾ | 19,435 | D | |
| MTH Common Stock | 02/23/2026 | | S | | 232 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$77.82 ⁽⁴⁾ | 19,203 ⁽⁵⁾ | D | |
| MTH Common Shares | | | | | | | | 12,407 ⁽⁶⁾ | 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents sale of shares to cover required tax withholdings under a Rule 10b5-1 plan.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$75.37 to \$76.36, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Registrant, any security holder of the Registrant, 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 range set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$76.37 to \$77.31, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Registrant, any security holder of the Registrant, 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 range set forth in this footnote.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$77.77 to \$77.86, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Registrant, any security holder of the Registrant, 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 range set forth in this footnote.
- Balance reflects all other holdings, including restricted stock units that have previously vested.
- Balance represents restricted stock units not vested.

Remarks:

/s/ Alison Sasser, attorney-in-fact 02/25/2026
for Malissia Clinton

** 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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