FORM 4

#### **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Potts James R		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BARRETT BUSINESS SERVICES INC [ BBSI ]		ationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer k all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify below)  EVP Gen Counsel & Secretary		
(Last) (First) (Mid 8100 NE PARKWAY DRIVE SUITE 200	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2023				
(Street) VANCOUVER WA 986	662	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi	dual or Joint/Group Filing (Che Form filed by One Reporting Form filed by More than One	Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)	p)					

### 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. Transac Code (Ir 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	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	(Instr. 3 and 4)		(111541.4)
Common Stock	02/27/2023		Α		3,000(1)	A	\$0.00	4,963	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2023		F		1,238(2)	D	\$96.63	3,725	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)	'		Derivative		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
								Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Performance shares vested as of February 27, 2023.
- 2. Disposed to Cover Tax- Reflects the number of shares withheld for taxes.

### Remarks:

/s/ Anthony Harris, as attorney-infact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

03/01/2023 Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Anthony Harris and Ben Ward, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. Execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Barrett Business Services, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder, and any other forms or reports the undersigned may be required to file in connection with the undersigned's ownership, acquisition, or disposition of securities of the Company, including forms required to generate codes for the Securities and Exchange Commission's electronic filing system; and
- 2. Do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, or other form or report, and timely file such form or report with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority as appropriate.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys. in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, and the Company is not assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer subject to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 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 foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 12 day of September, 2020.

/s/ James Potts James Potts