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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

October 25, 2023

**Arbor Realty Trust, Inc.**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

Maryland  
(STATE OF INCORPORATION)

001-32136  
(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

20-0057959  
(IRS EMPLOYER ID. NUMBER)

333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Suite 900  
Uniondale, NY  
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

11553  
(ZIP CODE)

(516) 506-4200  
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Trading symbols</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered</b>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	ABR	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock, 6.375% Series D Cumulative Redeemable, par value \$0.01 per share	ABR-PD	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock, 6.25% Series E Cumulative Redeemable, par value \$0.01 per share	ABR-PE	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock, 6.25% Series F Fixed-to-Floating Rate Cumulative Redeemable, par value \$0.01 per share	ABR-PF	New York Stock Exchange

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 25, 2023, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) increased the size of the Board from eight (8) to nine (9) members. In connection therewith, the Board appointed Carrie Wilkens as a Class II director in order to fill the newly created vacancy, effective as of October 25, 2023. There was no arrangement or understanding between Ms. Wilkens and any other person pursuant to which Ms. Wilkens was appointed as a director. Ms. Wilkens was appointed to serve on the Corporate Governance and Compensation Committees.

Ms. Wilkens compensation will be based on the compensation program described in the Company’s Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 17, 2023.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ARBOR REALTY TRUST, INC.**

By: /s/ Paul Elenio  
Name: Paul Elenio  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 30, 2023