# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)\*

# ELLINGTON RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE REIT

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, \$0.01 par value per share (Title of Class of Securities)

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with a copy to:

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

 $\label{eq:June 12, 2020} \textbf{(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)}$ 

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this
schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box. $\Box$

**Note:** Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See §240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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This Amendment No. 2 ("Amendment No. 2") to Schedule 13D amends the initial Statement on Schedule 13D filed on August 23, 2018, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D filed on May 29, 2020 (as so amended, the "Schedule 13D"), relating to the Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Shares"), of Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT, a Maryland corporation (the "Issuer"). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment No. 2 shall have the same meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

#### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby supplemented by the following:

The information set forth in Item 5(c) of this Amendment No. 2 is incorporated herein by reference.

The purchases by EARN Holdings described in this Amendment No. 2 were funded by capital contributions by EARN Holdings' members.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Items 5(a)-(c) of the Schedule 13D are hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) – (b) Calculations of the percentage of Common Shares beneficially owned assumes that there were 12,319,616 Common Shares outstanding as of May 5, 2020, based on the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed by the Issuer on May 11, 2020.

The aggregate number and percentage of the Common Shares beneficially owned by each Reporting Person and, for each Reporting Person, the number of shares as to which there is sole power to vote or to direct the vote, shared power to vote or to direct the vote, sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition, or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition are set forth on rows 7 through 11 and row 13 of the cover pages of this Schedule 13D and are incorporated herein by reference.

As of June 15, 2020, EARN Holdings directly held 3,303,578 Common Shares.

BTO EARN Manager L.L.C. is the managing member of EARN Holdings. BTOA L.L.C. is the sole member of BTO EARN Manager L.L.C. Blackstone Holdings III L.P. is the managing member of BTOA L.L.C. Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P. is the general partner of Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C. is the general partner of Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P. Blackstone is the sole member of Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C. Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is the sole holder of Class C common stock of Blackstone. Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is wholly owned by its senior managing directors and controlled by its founder, Stephen A. Schwarzman.

Neither the filing of this Schedule 13D nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission that any of the Reporting Persons (other than EARN Holdings to the extent it directly holds the Issuer securities reported herein) is the beneficial owner of the Common Shares referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed. The filing of this statement should not be construed to be an admission that any member of the Reporting Persons are members of a "group" for the purposes of Sections 13(d) of the Act.

(c) Except as set forth on Schedule II attached hereto, as of June 15, 2020, none of the Reporting Persons or, to the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, any other person named in <u>Schedule II</u>, has engaged in any transaction in Common Shares since May 29, 2020.

#### **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: June 16, 2020

BLACKSTONE TACTICAL OPPORTUNITIES EARN HOLDINGS L.L.C.

By: BTO EARN Manager L.L.C., its managing member

By: BTOA L.L.C., its sole member

By: /s/ John G. Finley
Name: John G. Finley
Title: Chief Legal Officer

BTO EARN MANAGER L.L.C.
By: BTOA L.L.C., its sole member

By: /s/ John G. Finley
Name: John G. Finley
Title: Chief Legal Officer

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BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III L.P.

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By: /s/ John G. Finley
Name: John G. Finley
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STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN

By: /s/ Stephen A. Schwarzman

Name: Stephen A. Schwarzman

[Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT – Schedule 13D/A]

# SCHEDULE II

# 60 Day Trading History

The following reflects transactions effected by Blackstone Tactical Opportunities EARN Holdings L.L.C. in Common Shares from May 29, 2020 through June 15, 2020:

Trade Date	Amount Purchased	Weighted Average Price Per Share	
05/29/2020	23,569	\$	9.55
06/01/2020	19,700	\$	9.77
06/02/2020	26,331	\$	9.75
06/03/2020	17,637	\$	9.89
06/04/2020	2,703	\$	9.91
06/11/2020	32,179	\$	9.95
06/12/2020	14,633	\$	10.23
06/15/2020	200	\$	10.09

All transactions were made in the open market.