# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 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): April 8, 2024

# **Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT**

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

**Maryland** (State or Other Jurisdiction Of Incorporation)

001-35896 (Commission File Number) 46-0687599 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

53 Forest Avenue Old Greenwich, CT 06870

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 698-1200

#### Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing i following provisions:	is intended to simultaneously sat	tisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the
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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Ac	et:	
Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, \$0.01 par value per hare	EARN	The New York Stock Exchange
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Emerging growth company $\Box$		
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#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 8, 2024, Ellington Residential Mortgage REIT (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its Board of Trustees declared a monthly dividend of \$0.08 per share, payable on May 28, 2024 to common shareholders of record as of April 30, 2024. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and the information related to the dividend is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished herewith this Current Report on Form 8-K.
  - 99.1 Press Release dated April 8, 2024
  - 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

## **SIGNATURES**

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

## ELLINGTON RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE REIT

Dated: April 8, 2024 By: /s/ Christopher Smernoff

Christopher Smernoff
Chief Financial Officer

#### ELLINGTON RESIDENTIAL DECLARES MONTHLY COMMON DIVIDEND

OLD GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT, April 8, 2024—Ellington Residential (NYSE: EARN) (the "Company") today announced that its Board of Trustees has declared a monthly common dividend of \$0.08 per share, payable on May 28, 2024 to shareholders of record as of April 30, 2024.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are not historical in nature and can be identified by words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "will," "should," "may," "expect," "project," "believe," "intend," "seek," "plan" and similar expressions or their negative forms, or by references to strategy, plans, or intentions. Examples of forward-looking statements in this press release include statements regarding the Company's payment of dividends. Forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future operations, business strategies, performance, financial condition, liquidity and prospects, taking into account information currently available to us. These beliefs, assumptions, and expectations are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties and can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us. If a change occurs, our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and strategies may vary materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements. The following factors are examples of those that could cause actual results to vary from those stated or implied by our forward-looking statements: changes in interest rates and the market value of the Company's investments, market volatility, changes in the default rates on corporate loans,, the Company's ability to borrow to finance its assets, changes in government regulations affecting the Company's business, the Company's ability to maintain its exclusion from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, our ability to pivot our investment strategy to focus on collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"), a deterioration in the CLO market, our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards ("NOLs"), our ability to convert to a closed end fund/RIC, including our ability to obtain shareholder approval of our conversion to a closed end fund/RIC, and other changes in market conditions and economic trends, such as changes to fiscal or monetary policy, heightened inflation, slower growth or recession, and currency fluctuations. Furthermore, as stated above, forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, including, among other things, those described under Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, which can be accessed through the link to the Company's SEC filings under "For Investors" on the Company's website (at www.earnreit.com) or at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). Other risks, uncertainties, and factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied may be described from time to time in reports the Company files with the SEC, including reports on Forms 10-Q, 10-K and 8-K. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

This release and the information contained herein do not constitute an offer of any securities or solicitation of an offer to purchase securities.

#### **About Ellington Residential**

Ellington Residential was initially formed as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") that invested primarily in residential mortgage-backed securities. On March 29, 2024, the Company's Board of Trustees approved a strategic transformation of its investment strategy to focus on corporate CLOs, with an emphasis on mezzanine debt and equity tranches. In connection with this transformation, (i) the Company revoked its REIT election effective January 1, 2024, (ii) the Company expects to change its name to Ellington Credit Company, and (iii) later in 2024, the Company intends, subject to shareholder approval of certain matters, to convert to a closed-end fund and complete its transition from an MBS-focused company to a CLO-focused company.

Ellington Residential is externally managed and advised by Ellington Residential Mortgage Management LLC, an affiliate of Ellington Management Group, L.L.C.