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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Linnenbringer Jeanne L.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.</u> <u>11299 ILLINOIS STREET, SUITE 200</u> (Street) <u>CARMEL</u> <u>IN</u> <u>46032</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CNO Financial Group, Inc. [CNO]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Operations Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/31/2026</u>	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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			
Common Stock	08/31/2026		S		1,550 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$54.9846 ⁽²⁾	34,188	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2026		M		5,010	A	\$23.33	39,198	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2026		S		5,010 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$54.9879 ⁽²⁾	34,188	D	
Common Stock	09/01/2026		S		4,060 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$54.7308 ⁽³⁾	30,128	D	
Common Stock	09/02/2026		S		3,919 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$55.1109 ⁽⁴⁾	26,209	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)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$23.33	08/31/2026		M		5,010	(S)	02/21/2028	Common Stock	5,010	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on May 8, 2026.
2. Reflects the weighted average sale price. For each of these two transactions, shares were sold at prices ranging from \$54.855 per share to \$55.36 per share. Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
3. Reflects the weighted average sale price. Shares were sold at prices ranging from \$54.415 per share to \$55.10 per share. Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
4. Reflects the weighted average sale price. Shares were sold at prices ranging from \$54.56 per share to \$55.48 per share. Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
5. One-half of the stock options vested and became exercisable on February 21, 2020, and one-half vested and became exercisable on February 21, 2021.

Remarks:

Heidi M. Krings, Attorney-in-Fact 09/02/2026

** 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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