FORM 3

# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Votel Joseph L.	Requiring S (Month/Day	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/29/2023  3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aero Vironment Inc [ AVAV ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O AEROVIRONMENT, INC. 241 18TH STREET SOUTH, SUITE 415  (Street) ARLINGTON VA 22202  (City) (State) (Zip)			4. Relationship of Reporting Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director  Officer (give title below)	10% C	) wner (specify	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)      Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)         Form filed by One Reporting Person         Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. I)			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock			0	I	)		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  2. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversi or Exerci	ise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security		5)

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Colby Petersen, attorneyin-fact

12/06/2023

\*\* 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 5 (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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### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Melissa Brown, Colby Petersen, and Kasey Hannah, 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 AeroVironment, Inc. (the "*Company*"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 and any amendments thereto in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- 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, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, 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 might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, 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, nor is the Company 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 required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 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 the date below.

Date: November 13, 2023 By: /s/ Joseph Votel

Name: Joseph Votel