

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Bransten Shelley</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>5130 HACIENDA DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>DUBLIN CA 94568</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/01/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ROSS STORES, INC. [ROST]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. 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)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Ken Jew for Shelley Bransten

10/05/2026

** 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 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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ROSS STORES, INC.
POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby designates and appoints as his/her attorney-in-fact and authorizes each of: William W. Sheehan II, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer; Ken Jew, Group Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary; Kevin Reimann, Group Senior Vice President, Human Resources; and Marcia Casey, Group Vice President, Human Resources of Ross Stores, Inc. (the “Company”) and their successors, to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned’s capacity as an officer or director of the Company, Form ID (Uniform Application for Access Codes and Passwords to File on EDGAR), Forms 3, 4, and 5, and any amendments thereto, and to cause such form(s) to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Act of 1934, relating to the undersigned’s beneficial ownership of securities in the Company, utilizing the Electronic Data Gathering and Retrieval (“EDGAR”) system or cause them to be submitted and filed by a person appointed under Section 2 below; and
- (2) act as an account administrator for the undersigned’s EDGAR account, including: (i) appointing, removing, and replacing account administrators, account users, technical administrators, and delegated entities, (ii) maintaining the security of the undersigned’s EDGAR account, including modifications of access codes, (iii) maintaining, modifying, and certifying the accuracy of information on the undersigned’s EDGAR account dashboard; (iv) acting as the EDGAR point of contact with respect to the undersigned’s EDGAR account; and (v) any other actions contemplated by Rule 10 of Regulation S-T with respect to account administrators.

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 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 September 15, 2026.

/s/ Shelley Bransten