

Nelsen Michael
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Nelsen Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACADIA REALTY TRUST, 1311 MAMARONECK AVENUE, SUITE 260

(Street)

WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACADIA REALTY TRUST [AKR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/15/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Limited Partnership Units	\$ 21.55	03/15/2012	A		35,434 <u>(1)</u>		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Shares of Beneficial Interest	35,434

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelsen Michael C/O ACADIA REALTY TRUST 1311 MAMARONECK AVENUE, SUITE 260 WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

Michael Nelsen 03/15/2012
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

On March 15, 2012 ("Grant Date"), Mr. Nelsen was awarded these restricted limited partnership units in Acadia Realty Limited Partnership ("LTIP Units"). 12,003 of these LTIP Units shall vest subject to the following schedule: equal amounts shall vest on January 6, 2013 (the "First Vesting Date") and on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries thereof, provided that Mr. Nelsen

(1) continues to be employed by the Company through the vesting date in question (each a "Vesting Date"). 50% of the remaining 23,431 LTIP Units will vest subject to the same schedule and Mr. Nelsen's continued employment and the other 50% subject to the same schedule, Mr. Nelsen's continued employment and Acadia Realty Trust (the "Company") achieving certain annual and cumulative benchmarks established by the Company's Board of Trustees.

(2) This number represents the total number of LTIP Units (22,435 vested and 65,430 unvested) now held by Mr. Nelsen.

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