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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
Hatton Cory

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1221 S BELT LINE RD
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(Street)
COPPELL TX 75019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
08/03/2026

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Dave & Buster's Entertainment, Inc. [PLAY]
Foreign Trading Symbol

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
Director
10% Owner
☑ Officer (give title below)
Other (specify below)
Interim CFO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Common Stock	49,714	D	

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			
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/07/2023	10/07/2032	Common Stock	5,399	37.04	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/07/2023	10/07/2032	Common Stock	2,159	37.04	D	
Performance Stock Unit	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	323	0.00	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/24/2025	04/24/2034	Common Stock	501	53.33	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/20/2025	12/20/2034	Common Stock	3,028	33.02	D	
Performance Stock Unit	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	635	0.00	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/27/2026	06/27/2035	Common Stock	635	30.45	D	
Performance Stock Unit	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,507	0.00	D	
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Performance Stock Unit	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	5,507	0.00	D	
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Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/07/2026	10/07/2035	Common Stock	4,405	22.7	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/24/2027	04/24/2036	Common Stock	3,265	12.33	D	
Performance Stock Unit	(4)	(4)	Common Stock	8,165	0.00	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/07/2025	10/07/2035	Common Stock	17,621	22.7	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/07/2025	10/07/2035	Common Stock	12,538	22.7	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/07/2026	10/07/2035	Common Stock	7,774	34.05	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This grant will be earned based on a three-year performance against a Board-established adjusted EBITDA target growth.

2. This grant will be earned based on achievement of the following performance conditions over the three-year period commencing as of the beginning of the third quarter of fiscal 2025: (a) achievement of minimum fiscal year 2027 EBITDA of $600M, and (b) average same store sales growth in each one-year measurement period of at least 3% compared to the same periods in the prior year.

3. This grant will vest upon the achievement of the following performance condition: average same store sales growth of 3% or greater for 4 consecutive quarters in the prior year, with the measurement period commencing as of the beginning at the third quarter of fiscal 2025. If the performance condition is not achieved, these PSUs will be forfeited. Upon satisfaction of the performance condition, the PSUs will vest ratably in equal annual installments over two years.

4. Represents the Target Achievable performance-based restricted stock units ("PSUs") in respect of the one-fiscal year performance period commencing on the first day of fiscal 2026 and ending on the last day of fiscal 2026. 100% of the RSUs shall be deemed earned upon the attainment of positive Same Store Sales during the Performance Period.

Sherri M. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact	08/13/2026
** 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).

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Jimmy Scott, Garrison Wight and Sherri M. Smith signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 144, 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Dave & Buster's Entertainment, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");

(2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and

(3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

(1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;

(2) any documents prepared and/or executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;

(3) neither the Company nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and

(4) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants the foregoing attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this _5th___ day of August, 2026.

_/s/Cory Hatton_____________________
Signature

_Cory Hatton________________________
Print Name

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

On this _5th__ day of August, 2026, Cory Hatton personally appeared before me, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

__/s/Brandi J. Simpson______________
Notary Public

__12/21/2028______________________
My Commission Expires: