## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): December 1, 2023

## CANOO INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-38824** (Commission File Number) 82-1476189 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

19951 Mariner Avenue Torrance, California (Address of principal executive offices)

**90503** (Zip Code)

(424) 271-2144

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	GOEV	The Nasdaq Capital Market
Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share	GOEVW	The Nasdaq Capital Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

Canoo Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), is attaching to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 5.1 the opinion of Kirkland & Ellis LLP relating to the validity of the shares to be offered pursuant to the Company's prospectus supplement dated December 1, 2023 in connection with the transaction described in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 22, 2023.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 1, 2023

## CANOO INC.

 By:
 /s/ Hector Ruiz

 Name:
 Hector Ruiz

 Title:
 General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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December 1, 2023

Canoo Inc. 19951 Mariner Avenue Torrance, California 9050

#### Re: Registration Statement of Canoo Inc. on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as special counsel to Canoo Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the registration by the Company of the offer and sale of up to \$21,276,600 of its common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Common Stock"), consisting of up to 212,766,000 shares (the "Shares") pursuant to the terms of the Pre-Paid Advance Agreement, dated July 20, 2022 between the Company and YA II PN, Ltd., as modified by the Side Letter, dated October 5, 2022, the Supplemental Agreement, dated November 9, 2022, the Supplemental Agreement, dated December 31, 2022, the Supplemental Agreement, dated November 9, 2023 (as amended and supplemented, the "Agreement"). The Shares are being offered and sold pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-266666) filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on August 8, 2022 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") (such Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented, is hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement"), including a base prospectus dated August 18, 2022 (the "Base Prospectus") and the prospectus supplement dated December 1, 2023 (together with the Base Prospectus, the "Prospectus").

In that connection, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records and other instruments as we have deemed necessary for the purposes of this opinion, including (i) the corporate and organizational documents of the Company, including the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended through the date hereof, and the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company; (ii) resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company with respect to the issuance and sale of the Shares; (iii) the Registration Statement and the exhibits thereto and the Prospectus; and (iv) the Agreement.

For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies and the authenticity of the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies. We have also assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of the signatures of persons signing all documents in connection with which this opinion is rendered, the authority of such persons signing on behalf of the parties thereto other than the Company and the due authorization, execution and delivery of all documents by the parties thereto other than the Company. We relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others as to factual matters.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing qualifications, assumptions and limitations and the further limitations set forth below, we are of the opinion that the Shares are duly authorized, and when the Shares are registered by the Company's transfer agent and delivered against payment of the agreed consideration therefor, all in accordance with the Agreement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

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Our opinion expressed above is subject to the qualifications that we express no opinion as to the applicability of, compliance with, or effect of any laws except the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (including the statutory provisions, all applicable provisions of the Delaware constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting the foregoing).

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Company's current report on Form 8-K. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus constituting part of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

We do not find it necessary for the purposes of this opinion, and accordingly we do not purport to cover herein, the application of the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of the various states to the issuance and sale of the Shares and the Rights.

This opinion is limited to the specific issues addressed herein, and no opinion may be inferred or implied beyond that expressly stated herein.

This opinion is furnished to you in connection with the filing of the Prospectus and in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Act, and is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise relied upon for any other purpose.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kirkland & Ellis LLP

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