
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BANZAI INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

85-3118980
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

435 Ericksen Ave, Suite 250
Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110
Tel: (206) 414-1777

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Banzai International, Inc. 2023 Equity Incentive Plan
Banzai International, Inc. 2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan
(Full title of the plan)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Banzai International, Inc. (the “Registrant”) is filing this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (this “Registration Statement”) for the purpose of registering an additional 1,924,257 shares of the Registrant’s Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “Class A common stock”), (including 989,768 shares that the Company’s shareholders approved at a special meeting that was held on February 28, 2025) and 5,191 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, for issuance pursuant to the Registrant’s 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) and 2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “ESPP”), respectively. Except as noted, the additional shares are being registered because of the operation of the automatic annual increase provision contained in the Plan and the ESPP, pursuant to which the number of shares available for issuance under the Plan and ESPP increased annually on January 1, 2024, January 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026; the number of shares available for issuance under the Plan and ESPP increases annually on January 1 of each year from 2024 – 2033.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.*

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.*

- * The documents containing the information specified in this Part I of Form S-8 (Plan Information and Registration Information and Employee Plan Annual Information) will be sent or given to recipients of the grants under the 2023 Equity Incentive Plan and 2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan as specified by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. Such documents are not required to be and are not filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 of the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act. The Registrant will provide a written statement to participants advising them of the availability without charge, upon written or oral request, of the documents incorporated by reference in Item 3 of Part II hereof and including the statement in the preceding sentence. The written statement to all participants will indicate the availability without charge, upon written or oral request, of other documents required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 428(b) of the Securities Act, and will include the address and telephone number to which the request is to be directed.
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PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3 Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

Banzai International, Inc. (the “Registrant”) hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (this “Registration Statement”) the following documents previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”):

- a. The Registrant’s annual report on [Form 10-K](#) filed with the Commission on April 15, 2025, which contains the Registrant’s audited financial statements for the latest fiscal year for which such statements have been filed;
- b. The Registrant’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act for its fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2025, filed on [May 15, 2025](#); June 30, 2025, filed on [August 14, 2025](#); and September 30, 2025, filed on [November 14, 2025](#);
- c. The Registrant’s Current Reports on Form 8-K and Form 8-K/A filed on (except for the portions of such reports deemed to be furnished and not filed) [January 23, 2025](#), [January 31, 2025](#), [February 3, 2025](#), [February 13, 2025](#), [March 3, 2025](#), [March 4, 2025](#), [April 11, 2025](#), [April 15, 2025](#), [April 18, 2025](#), [April 25, 2025](#), [June 10, 2025](#), [June 27, 2025](#), [July 2, 2025](#), [July 3, 2025](#), [July 9, 2025](#), [August 8, 2025](#), [August 22, 2025](#), [August 28, 2025](#), [September 17, 2025](#), [October 9, 2025](#), [October 17, 2025](#), [December 17, 2025](#), [January 15, 2026](#);
- d. The description of the Registrant’s Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001, contained in the Description of Securities filed as [Exhibit 4.11](#) to the Registrant’s Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on April 15, 2025 and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or that de-registers all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; provided, however, that documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with the rules of the Commission shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4 Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5 Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

The validity of the shares of Class A common stock offered hereby will be passed upon by Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC, counsel to the Registrant.

Item 6 Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Registrant’s second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as amended (the “Charter”) provides that all of the Registrant’s directors, officers, employees and agents shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Registrant to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (“DGCL”). Section 145 of the DGCL concerning indemnification of officers, directors, employees, and agents is set forth below.

Section 145. Indemnification of officers, directors, employees, and agents; insurance.

- (a) A corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.
 - (b) A corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.
 - (c) To the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.
 - (d) Any indemnification under subsections (a) and (b) of this section (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the present or former director, officer, employee, or agent is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section. Such determination shall be made, with respect to a person who is a director or officer at the time of such determination, (1) by a majority vote of the directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, even though less than a quorum, or (2) by a committee of such directors designated by majority vote of such directors, even though less than a quorum, or (3) if there are no such directors, or if such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (4) by the stockholders.
 - (e) Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section. Such expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by former officers and directors or other employees and agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the corporation deems appropriate.
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- (f) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other subsections of this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. A right to indemnification or to advancement of expenses arising under a provision of the certificate of incorporation or a bylaw shall not be eliminated or impaired by an amendment to such provision after the occurrence of the act or omission that is the subject of the civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding for which indemnification or advancement of expenses is sought, unless the provision in effect at the time of such act or omission explicitly authorizes such elimination or impairment after such action or omission has occurred.
- (g) A corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under this section.
- (h) For purposes of this section, references to "the corporation" shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under this section with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as such person would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.
- (i) For purposes of this section, references to "other enterprises" shall include employee benefit plans; references to "fines" shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to any employee benefit plan; and references to "serving at the request of the corporation" shall include any service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants or beneficiaries; and a person who acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan shall be deemed to have acted in a manner "not opposed to the best interests of the corporation" as referred to in this section.
- (j) The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this section shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.
- (k) The Court of Chancery is hereby vested with exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all actions for advancement of expenses or indemnification brought under this section or under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise. The Court of Chancery may summarily determine a corporation's obligation to advance expenses (including attorneys' fees).

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to the Registrant's directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person in a successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to the court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

In accordance with Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, the Charter provides that no director shall be personally liable to the Registrant or any of its stockholders for monetary damages resulting from breaches of their fiduciary duty as directors, except to the extent such limitation on or exemption from liability is not permitted under the DGCL. The effect of this provision of the Charter is to eliminate the Registrant's rights and those of the Registrant's stockholders (through stockholders' derivative suits on the Registrant's behalf) to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of the fiduciary duty of care as a director, including breaches resulting from negligent or grossly negligent behavior, except, as restricted by Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL. However, this provision does not limit or eliminate the Registrant's rights or the rights of any stockholder to seek non-monetary relief, such as an injunction or rescission, in the event of a breach of a director's duty of care.

If the DGCL is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the liability of directors, then, in accordance with the Charter, the liability of the Registrant's directors to the Registrant or its stockholders will be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL, as so amended. Any repeal or amendment of provisions of the Charter limiting or eliminating the liability of directors, whether by the Registrant's stockholders or by changes in law, or the adoption of any other provisions inconsistent therewith, will (unless otherwise required by law) be prospective only, except to the extent such amendment or change in law permits the Registrant to further limit or eliminate the liability of directors on a retroactive basis.

The Charter also provides that the Registrant will, to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by applicable law, indemnify its current and former officers and directors, as well as those persons who, while directors or officers of the Registrant, are or were serving as directors, officers, employees or agents of another entity, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan, in connection with any threatened, pending or completed proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, against all expense, liability and loss (including, without limitation, attorney's fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes and penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by any such person in connection with any such proceeding.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a person eligible for indemnification pursuant to the Charter will be indemnified by the Registrant in connection with a proceeding initiated by such person only if such proceeding was authorized by the Registrant's board of directors, except for proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification.

The right to indemnification which will be conferred by the Charter is a contract right that includes the right to be paid by the Registrant the expenses incurred in defending or otherwise participating in any proceeding referenced above in advance of its final disposition, provided, however, that if the DGCL requires, an advancement of expenses incurred by an officer or director of the Registrant (solely in the capacity as an officer or director of the Registrant) will be made only upon delivery to the Registrant of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such officer or director, to repay all amounts so advanced if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under the Charter or otherwise.

The rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses will not be deemed exclusive of any other rights which any person covered by the Charter may have or hereafter acquire under law, the Charter, the Registrant's second amended and restated bylaws (the "Bylaws"), an agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise.

Any repeal or amendment of provisions of the Charter affecting indemnification rights, whether by the Registrant's stockholders or by changes in law, or the adoption of any other provisions inconsistent therewith, will (unless otherwise required by law) be prospective only, except to the extent such amendment or change in law permits the Registrant to provide broader indemnification rights on a retroactive basis, and will not in any way diminish or adversely affect any right or protection existing at the time of such repeal or amendment or adoption of such inconsistent provision with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to such repeal or amendment or adoption of such inconsistent provision. The Charter also permits the Registrant, to the extent and in the manner authorized or permitted by law, to indemnify and to advance expenses to persons other than those specifically covered by the Charter.

The Bylaws include the provisions relating to advancement of expenses and indemnification rights consistent with those which are set forth in the Charter. In addition, the Bylaws provide for a right of indemnity to bring a suit in the event a claim for indemnification or advancement of expenses is not paid in full by the Registrant within a specified period of time. The Bylaws also permit the Registrant to purchase and maintain insurance, at the Registrant's expense, to protect it and/or any director, officer, employee or agent of the Registrant or another entity, trust, or other enterprise against any expense, liability, or loss, whether or not the Registrant would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability, or loss under the DGCL.

Any repeal or amendment of provisions of the Bylaws affecting indemnification rights, whether by the Registrant's board of directors, stockholders or by changes in applicable law, or the adoption of any other provisions inconsistent therewith, will (unless otherwise required by law) be prospective only, except to the extent such amendment or change in law permits the Registrant to provide broader indemnification rights on a retroactive basis, and will not in any way diminish or adversely affect any right or protection existing thereunder with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to such repeal or amendment or adoption of such inconsistent provision.

The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its officers and directors. These agreements require the Registrant to indemnify these individuals to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law against liabilities that may arise by reason of their service to the Registrant, and to advance expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified.

Item 7 Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8 Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
5.1	Opinion of Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC as to the legality of the securities being registered.
23.1	Consent of Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li LLC (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2	Consent of Marcum, LLP, independent registered public accounting firm for Legacy Banzai and the Company.
23.3	Consent of Bush & Associates CPA LLC, independent registered public accounting firm for Vidello, Ltd.
23.4	Consent of CBIZ CPAs P.C., independent registered public accounting firm for ClearDoc, Inc. (d/b/a OpenReel).
24.1	Powers of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement).
99.1 ^{(1)*}	Banzai International, Inc. 2023 Equity Incentive Plan.
99.2 ^{(1)*}	Banzai International, Inc. 2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
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(1)* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 and 99.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-278218) filed on March 25, 2024.

Item 9 Undertakings.

(1) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(a)(i) and (1)(a)(ii) herein do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(b) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(2) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the indemnity provisions summarized in Item 6, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bainbridge Island, State of Washington, on February 13, 2026.

BANZAI INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: */s/ Joseph Davy*

JOSEPH DAVY

Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Joseph Davy and Dean Ditto, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this Registration Statement, and any registration statement relating to the offering covered by this Registration Statement and filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully for all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or his or her substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Date
<i>/s/ Joseph Davy</i> _____ Joseph Davy, <i>Chief Executive Officer and Director</i> <i>(Principal Executive Officer)</i>	February 13, 2026
<i>/s/ Dean Ditto</i> _____ Dean Ditto <i>Chief Financial Officer</i> <i>(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)</i>	February 13, 2026
<i>/s/ Paula Boggs</i> _____ Paula Boggs, <i>Director</i>	February 13, 2026
<i>/s/ Kent Schofield</i> _____ Kent Schofield, <i>Director</i>	February 13, 2026
<i>/s/ Jack Leeney</i> _____ Jack Leeney, <i>Director</i>	February 13, 2026
<i>/s/ Mason Ward</i> _____ Mason Ward, <i>Director</i>	February 13, 2026

February 13, 2026

Banzai International, Inc.
435 Ericksen Ave, Suite 250
Bainbridge Island, Washington 98110

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Banzai International, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), in connection with the preparation of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the “**Registration Statement**”) being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Registration Statement relates to the registration of an additional 1,924,257 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “**Common Stock**”) under the Company’s 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the “**Plan**”) and an additional 5,191 shares of Common Stock under the Company’s 2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “**ESPP**”) (collectively, the “**Plans**”); these additional shares are of the same class as those previously registered under the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-278218). Upon the effectiveness of this Registration Statement, an aggregate of 1,929,448 shares of Common Stock (the “**Shares**”) will be registered for issuance under the Plans. This opinion is being rendered in connection with the filing of the Registration Statement with the Commission. All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the respective meanings given to them in the Registration Statement.

As the basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed, we have examined: (i) originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified, of (a) the amended and restated certificate of incorporation (the “**Certificate of Incorporation**”) of the Company; (b) the Bylaws of the Company, as amended; (c) the corporate action taken by the Company that provides for the issuance or delivery of the Shares to be issued or delivered under the Plans; (d) the Plans, which have previously been filed as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on March 25, 2024, as amended on December 17, 2024 and January 10, 2025 (the “**Original S-8**”), (e) the Original S-8 and (f) such other records, agreements, instruments and documents as we have deemed necessary or advisable for the purposes of this opinion; and (ii) such statutes, including the applicable statutory provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law (“**DGCL**”), and regulations as we have deemed necessary or advisable for the purposes of this opinion.

We have not independently verified any factual matter relating to this opinion. As to questions of fact material to this opinion, we have relied upon certificates or comparable documents of public officials and of officers and representatives of the Company.

In addition, we have examined and relied on the originals or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction of all such corporate records of the Company and such other instruments and other certificates of public officials, officers and representatives of the Company and such other persons, and we have made such investigations of law, as we have deemed appropriate as a basis for the opinion expressed below. In such examination, we have assumed, without independent verification, the genuineness of all signatures (whether original or photostatic), the accuracy and completeness of each document submitted to us, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as facsimile, electronic, certified, conformed or photostatic copies thereof. We have further assumed the legal capacity of natural persons, that persons identified to us as officers of the Company are actually serving in such capacity, that the representations of officers and employees of the Company are correct as to questions of fact and that each party to the documents we have examined or relied on (other than the Company) has the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and also have assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, of the execution and delivery by such parties of such documents, and the validity and binding effect thereon on such parties. We have also assumed that the Company will not in the future issue or otherwise make unavailable so many shares of its Common Stock that there are insufficiently authorized and unissued shares of Common Stock for issuance of the shares issuable upon exercise of the options being registered in the Registration Statement. We have not independently verified any of these assumptions.



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The opinions expressed in this opinion letter are limited to the applicable statutory provisions of the DGCL. We are not opining on, and we assume no responsibility for, the applicability or effect on any of the matters covered herein of: (a) any other laws; (b) the laws of any other jurisdiction; or (c) the laws of any country, municipality or other political subdivision or local government agency or authority. The opinions set forth below are rendered as of the date of this opinion letter. We assume no obligation to update or supplement such opinions to reflect any change of law or fact that may occur. We assume that the issuance of the Shares will not cause the Company to issue shares of Common Stock in excess of the number of such shares authorized by the Certificate of Incorporation. The Company has represented to us and we have also assumed that the Company has reserved from its duly authorized but unissued and otherwise unreserved stock a sufficient number of shares of Common Stock for issuance under the Plans. We have also assumed that the Company will at all times reserve and keep available out of the aggregate of its authorized by unissued and otherwise unreserved Common Stock, solely for the purpose of enabling it to issue the Shares in accordance with the Plans, the number of Shares as are then issuable or deliverable upon the settlement of awards under the Plans. This opinion is limited to the matters set forth herein, and no other opinion should be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications, assumptions and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that the Shares to be issued under the Plans have been duly authorized, and, upon the issuance and delivery of the Shares in the manner contemplated by the Plans, and assuming that the Company completes all actions and proceedings required on its part to be taken prior to the issuance and delivery of the Shares pursuant to the terms of the Plans, including, without limitation, collection of any required payment for the Shares, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement and to the reference to our firm and to our opinion in the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act, the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder or Item 509 of Regulation S-K.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hunter Taubman Fischer & Li

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated April 15, 2025, except for Note 3 as to which the date is September 12, 2025, with respect to the financial statements of Banzai International, Inc. for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K.

/s/ Marcum LLP

Marcum LLP
Marlton, New Jersey
February 13, 2026



To Whom It May Concern:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated April 11, 2025 with respect to the financial statements of Vidello Limited for the years ended March 31, 2024 and 2023.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bush & Associates CPA LLC

Bush & Associates CPA LLC (PCAOB 6797)
Las Vegas, Nevada
February 13, 2026

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the inclusion in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated February 28, 2025, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of ClearDoc, Inc and Subsidiary (Company) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the two years then ended.

/s/ CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Kansas City, Missouri
February 13, 2026

Calculation of Filing Fee Tables

S-8
(Form Type)Banzai International, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered Securities

	Plan	Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	Amount Registered (2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit ⁽¹⁾	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee
Fees to be Paid	2023 Equity Incentive Plan	Equity	Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	Other	1,924,257	\$ 1.29	\$2,482,291.53	\$0.00013810	\$ 342.80
	2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	Equity	Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	Other	5,191	\$ 1.29	\$ 6,696.39	\$0.00013810	\$.92
	Total Offering Amounts						\$2,488,987.92		\$ 343.72
	Total Fee Offsets								-
	Net Fee Due								\$ 343.72

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act, and based upon the average of the high (\$1.37) and low (\$1.22) prices of the Registrant's Class A Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on February 12, 2026, which date is within five business days prior to filing this Registration Statement.
- (2) This registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") covers (i) 1,924,257 shares of Class A common stock of Banzai International, Inc. (the "Registrant") issuable pursuant to awards under the Registrant's 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Incentive Plan"); (ii) 5,191 shares of the Registrant's Class A common stock issuable pursuant to the Registrant's 2023 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP," together with the Incentive Plan, the "Plans"), and (iii) pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), an indeterminate number of additional shares of Class A common stock that may become issuable under the terms of the Plans by reason of any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the Registrant's receipt of consideration, which results in an increase in the number of the Registrant's outstanding shares of Class A common stock. Additionally, pursuant to Rule 416(b) under the Securities Act, if prior to the completion of the distribution of the shares of Class A common stock registered under this Registration Statement all shares of Class A common stock are combined by a reverse share split into a lesser number of shares of Class A common stock, the number of undistributed shares of Class A common stock covered by this Registration Statement shall be proportionately reduced.