Waser Eric H. Form 4 March 22, 2019

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Waser Eric H.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director

(Last)

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/20/2019

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

EVP, Head of Comm Banking

500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300, PO **BOX 700**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Secur	ities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Acquired (A) of Disposed of (E) (Instr. 3, 4 and (A) or Amount (D)	D) 15)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock						27,441	D	
Common Stock						2,511	I	Rabbi Trust
Common Stock						4,977.2499 (2)	I	401 (k)
Common Stock						4,209.4774	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	03/20/2019		A	5,808	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	5,808	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>					<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	5,947	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(6)</u>	03/20/2019		A	1,936	<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	1,936	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

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EVP, Head of Comm Banking

Signatures

Eric H. Waser	03/22/2019		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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- * 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).
- (1) Held indirectly through a rabbi trust pursuant to a non-qualified deferred compensation plan.
- (2) Includes 401(k) contributions used to purchase PGC stock.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in three approximately equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
- (5) The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in five approximately equal installments on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation subject to certain performance conditions. The units will cliff vest, after three years, if the conditions are met.
- (7) The restricted stock units will cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant date subject to certain performance conditions being satisfied. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.