

Waser Eric H.  
Form 4  
March 13, 2018

**FORM 4**

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

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300, PO  
BOX 700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/11/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
EVP, Head of Comm Banking

(Street)  
BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-0700

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/11/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>		634	D \$ 34.71	20,444	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>		708	D \$ 34.71	21,873	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>		352	D \$ 34.71	22,546	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>		409	D \$ 34.71	23,342	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>		208	D \$ 34.71	23,712	D	

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Common Stock	4,977.2499 <u>(1)</u>	I	401 (K)
Common Stock	2,963.3026	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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 Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(3)							(4)	(4)	Common Stock	4,548
Restricted Stock Units	(3)							(5)	(5)	Common Stock	5,393

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Waser Eric H. 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-0700	EVP, Head of Comm Banking

## Signatures

Eric H. Waser

03/13/2018

\_\_Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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).
- (1) Includes 401 (K) contributions used to purchase PGC stock.
- (2) Shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligations arising from settlement of restricted stock units.
- (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.

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