KENNEDY DOUGLAS L

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading KENNEDY DOUGLAS L Issuer Symbol PEAPACK GLADSTONE (Check all applicable) FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

(Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below)

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

03/20/2018

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

President & CEO

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-0700

(City)	(State)	Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative Securities A	cquired, 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 onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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					139,914.749	D (1)	
Common Stock					7,423.8142 (2)	I	401 (K)
Common Stock					4,135.0507	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Common Stock					11,877	I	Rabbi Trust

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day,	ate	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. I De Sec (In
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	03/20/2018		A	14,010	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	14,010	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	2,660	
Restricted Stock Units	(7)	03/20/2018		A	14,010	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	14,010	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
rr a g a m a m a m a m a m	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
KENNEDY DOUGLAS L 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-0700	X		President & CEO		

Signatures

Reporting Person

Douglas L. Kennedy	03/22/2018		
**Signature of	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) 18,284 shares held in trust
- (2) Includes 401 (K) contributions to purchase PGC stock.
- (3) Held indirectly through a rabbi trust pursuant to a non-qualified deferred compensation plan.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.