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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

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obligations

(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 Waser Eric H. Issuer Symbol PEAPACK GLADSTONE (Check all applicable) FINANCIAL CORP [PGC] (Middle) (Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300, PO 11/06/2018 EVP, Head of Comm Banking **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 07921-0700

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/06/2018		P	1,000	A	\$ 27.15	24,762	D	
Common Stock							4,977.2499 (1)	I	401(k)
Common Stock							3,696.7277	I	Employee Stock Purchase

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)	Code	5. Number complete 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. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/20/2018	A	6,686	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	6,686	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	03/20/2018	A	1,415	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	5,393	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/20/2018	A	2,228	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	2,228	\$

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 11/07/2018

**Signature of Person Date

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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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.