

SWEENEY GARY D
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SWEENEY GARY D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP
 [WTFC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/20/2015

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

ROSEMONT, IL 60018

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price (A) or (D) | | |
| Common Stock | 08/20/2015 | | P | | 1 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 52.59 | 2,974 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/27/2015 | | P | | 1 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 52.32 | 2,975 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/25/2016 | | P | | 5 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 42.27 | 2,980 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/26/2016 | | P | | 4 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 52.78 | 2,984 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/25/2016 | | P | | 4 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 54.67 | 2,988 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------------|---|----------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | 11/25/2016 | P | 3 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 65.86 | 2,991 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2017 | P | 3 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 75.37 | 2,994 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/25/2017 | P | 4 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 71.06 | 2,998 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/24/2017 | P | 5 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 72.21 | 3,003 | D |
| Common Stock | 11/24/2017 | P | 5 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 79.01 | 3,008 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2018 | P | 7 | A | \$ 86.52 | 3,015 | D |

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) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SWEENEY GARY D
9700 WEST HIGGINS ROAD, 8TH FLOOR X
ROSEMONT, IL 60018

Signatures

/s/Kathleen M. Boege,
Attorney-in-fact

02/26/2018

__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) The Issuer inadvertently did not report shares owned by Reporting Person that were purchased through dividend reinvestments.

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