

Gavigan John M
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Gavigan John M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ [FFBC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 255 E FIFTH STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/16/2018

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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 | 02/16/2018 | | A | | 2,190 (1) \$ 0 | I | Restricted |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2018 | | D | | 2,190 (2) \$ 28.85 | I | Restricted |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2018 | | A | | 1,549 (2) \$ 28.85 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | I | Restricted-P |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

