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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Steiner Jonathan P Issuer Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [LKFN] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) LAKELAND FINANCIAL 02/01/2019 Senior Vice President CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387 (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 WARSAW, IN 46581-1387 (City) (State) (Zip)

(eng)	(State)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or			
(11311.0)		any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)				
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	02/01/2019		M	6,390	A	\$ 0	11,390	D		
Common Stock	02/01/2019		F	1,899	D	\$ 45.32	9,491	D		
Common Stock							5,147	I	401(k) 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amor Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Num of Sha
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	02/01/2019		M		6,390	02/01/2019	02/01/2019(3)	Common Stock	6,
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	02/05/2019		A	4,050		02/01/2022	02/01/2022(3)	Common Stock	4,
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)						02/01/2020	02/01/2020(3)	Common Stock	4,
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)						02/01/2021	02/01/2021(3)	Common Stock	4,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION

P.O. BOX 1387

Senior Vice President

WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 02/05/2019

**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).

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- (1) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.
- (4) Shares adjusted due to performance criteria.

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