

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
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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 *
 JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/27/2015

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

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(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)
Common Stock	10/27/2015		G ⁽¹⁾	V 257,143 D \$ 0 0		I	The Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust, dated April 14, 2005
Common Stock	10/27/2015		G ⁽¹⁾	V 85,714 A \$ 0 85,714		I	Samuel J. Boyd Subtrust of

Common Stock	10/27/2015	<u>G</u> (1)	V	47,143	D	\$ 0	38,571	I	the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005 Samuel J. Boyd Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005
Common Stock	10/27/2015	<u>G</u> (1)	V	85,715	A	\$ 0	85,715	I	Marianne Boyd Johnson Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005
Common Stock	10/27/2015	<u>G</u> (1)	V	47,143	D	\$ 0	38,572	I	Marianne Boyd Johnson Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005
Common Stock	10/27/2015	<u>G</u> (1)	V	47,143	A	\$ 0	60,224	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2015	<u>G</u> (1)	V	47,143	D	\$ 0	13,081	D	
Common Stock	10/27/2015	<u>G</u> (1)	V	47,143	A	\$ 0	275,948	I	The Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated January 9, 2007
Common Stock	10/27/2015	<u>G</u> (1)	V	85,714	A	\$ 0	85,714	I	William R. Boyd

Common Stock	10/27/2015	G ⁽¹⁾	V	47,143	D	\$ 0	38,571	I	Subtrust of The Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 15, 2005 William R. Boyd Subtrust of The Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 15, 2005
Common Stock							178,796	I	BG-05 Limited Partnership

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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director

Officer

Other

10%
Owner

JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD
C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400
PHOENIX, AZ 85004

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Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons
(Attorney-in-fact) 10/29/2015

__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).

On October 27, 2015, the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005 distributed 85,714 shares to the Samuel J. Boyd Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005, 85,715 shares to the Marianne Boyd Johnson Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005, and 85,714 shares to the William R. Boyd Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005. The Samuel J. Boyd Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005 then transferred 47,143 shares to Samuel J. Boyd. Additionally, the Marianne Boyd Johnson Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005 transferred 47,143 shares to Reporting Person, who subsequently transferred 47,143 shares to the Marianne E. Boyd Trust dated January 9, 2007. The William R. Boyd Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005 then transferred 47,143 shares to William R. Boyd.

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