

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
 Caspersen Finn MW Jr

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300, PO BOX 700

03/11/2016

SEVP & Chief Counsel

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/11/2016		A	8,820 A \$ 0	90,024	D	
Common Stock					1,332.6402	I	Profit Sharing Plan
Common Stock					1,001.3096	I	Employee Stock Purchase 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. 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. 3)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.57					<u>(1)</u> 03/29/2014	Common Stock	11,549	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.76					<u>(2)</u> 01/03/2017	Common Stock	2,100	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 23.4					<u>(3)</u> 01/02/2018	Common Stock	3,150	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Caspersen Finn MW Jr 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921	X		SEVP & Chief Counsel	

Signatures

Finn M.W.
Caspersen Jr
03/15/2016
Date

**Signature of Reporting
Person

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).
The options were exercisable in five equal annual installments on March 29, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. On December 8, 2005, the
(1) Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation authorized the accelerated vesting of the remaining options.
(2) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 3, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.
(3) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on January 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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