

Spero Vincent A
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Spero Vincent A

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)
500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300, PO
BOX 700

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/20/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Chief Lending Officer

(Street)

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

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

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921

(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				(A) or (D)	48,108.5397	D	
Common Stock				(1)	13,900.4859	I	401(k) Plan/Profit Sharing
Common Stock					2,740.9316	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. Date of Acquisition or Disposition (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/20/2018		A		6,241		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	6,241
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/20/2018		A		1,415		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	1,415
Restricted Stock Units	(5)	03/20/2018		A		2,080		(6)	(6)	Common Stock	2,080
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.01							(7)	06/02/2018	Common Stock	1,050

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Spero Vincent A 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921	EVP & Chief Lending Officer

Signatures

Vincent A.
Spero 03/22/2018

__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) Includes 401(k) contributions used to purchase PGC stock each payroll period.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in three approximately equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.
- (4) The restricted stock units vest and settle in stock in five approximately equal installments on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation subject to certain performance conditions. The units will cliff vest, after three years, if the conditions are met.
- (6) The restricted stock units will cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant date subject to certain performance conditions being satisfied.
- (7) The options are exercisable in five equal annual installments on June 2, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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