

KENNEDY DOUGLAS L
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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 *
 KENNEDY DOUGLAS L

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)
 President & CEO

(Street)
 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-0700

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	139,914.749	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	7,423.8142 ⁽²⁾	I	401 (K)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	4,135.0507	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	11,877	I	Rabbi Trust ⁽³⁾

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	03/20/2018		A	14,010	(5) (5)	Common Stock	14,010
Restricted Stock Units	(4)					(6) (6)	Common Stock	2,660
Restricted Stock Units	(7)	03/20/2018		A	14,010	(8) (8)	Common Stock	14,010

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KENNEDY DOUGLAS L 500 HILLS DRIVE, SUITE 300 PO BOX 700 BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-0700	X		President & CEO	

Signatures

Douglas L. Kennedy 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) 18,284 shares held in trust
- (2) Includes 401 (K) contributions to purchase PGC stock.
- (3) Held indirectly through a rabbi trust pursuant to a non-qualified deferred compensation plan.
- (4) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) The restricted stock units will cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant date subject to certain performance conditions being satisfied.

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