DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

Form 4

February 21, 2017

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

OMB

Issuer

below)

Director

Applicable Line)

5. Amount of

Securities

Owned

Beneficially

X_ Officer (give title

Check this box if no longer subject to

Section 16. Form 4 or

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Spangler Weldon W.

(First) (Middle)

C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP,

INC., 130 ROYALL STREET

(Street)

(State)

CANTON, MA 02021

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC. [DNKN]

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

02/16/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Following Reported (A)

Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative Conversion

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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3235-0287 Number:

January 31, Expires: 2005 Estimated average

burden hours per

0.5

10% Owner

Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

Indirect

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

response...

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

SVP, BR US & CAN

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (` /	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 54.95	02/16/2017		A	25,154		<u>(1)</u>	02/16/2024	Common Stock	25,154

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Spangler Weldon W.

C/O DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

130 ROYALL STREET

SVP, BR US & CAN

CANTON, MA 02021

Signatures

/s/ Ryan Schaffer, as attorney-in-fact for Weldon
Spangler

02/21/2017

**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) The option vests in four equal annual installments.

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