BILOTTA ANTHONY V JR

Form 4

March 22, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

PEAPACK GLADSTONE

FINANCIAL CORP [PGC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

03/20/2018

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Section 16. Form 4 or

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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Symbol

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

BILOTTA ANTHONY V JR

(Middle) (First)

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(Street)

BEDMINSTER, NJ 07921-1538

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below)

EVP Dir of Retail Banking/Mark

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative Securities	Acquired, Dispos	ed of, or Ben	eficially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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					16,791	D	
Common Stock					898.0268 <u>(1)</u>	I	401(k)
Common Stock					139.4432	I	Deferred Compensation
Common Stock					1,852.4365	I	Employee Stock Purchase

Plan

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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 proof 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. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	03/20/2018		A	4,725	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	4,725	\$
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,812	
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/20/2018		A	900	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	900	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

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EVP Dir of Retail Banking/Mark

Signatures

Anthony V. Bilotta, Jr. 03/22/2018

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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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 to purchase PGC stock
- (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. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.