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FORM 4

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **CHASE BRIEN M**

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP

(Check all applicable)

Chief Financial Officer

INC [PFBI]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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

C/O PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC., 2883 5TH

AVENUE

(Last)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

05/14/2018

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HUNTINGTON, WV 25702

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

\$ 21 20,849

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

D

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

PFBI

05/14/2018

Price Code V Amount (D)

400

D

Stock

Common

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.9					<u>(1)</u>	03/21/2028	PFBI Common	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.01					(2)	03/15/2027	PFBI Common	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.5454					(3)	03/16/2026	PFBI Common	5,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.3818					<u>(4)</u>	03/18/2025	PFBI Common	5,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.1182					<u>(5)</u>	03/19/2024	PFBI Common	5,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.3545					<u>(6)</u>	03/20/2023	PFBI Common	5,500

8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CHASE BRIEN M C/O PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP, INC. 2883 5TH AVENUE HUNTINGTON, WV 25702

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ Brien M.

05/15/2018

Chase

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).
- (1) Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 03/21/2019.
- (2) Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 03/15/2018.
- (3) Options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 03/16/2017.
- (4) Options vested over three-year period from 03/18/2015 grant date and were fully vested on 03/18/2018.
- (5) Options vested over three-year period from 03/19/2014 grant date and were fully vested on 03/19/2017.
- (6) Options vested over three-year period from 03/20/2013 grant date and were fully vested on 03/20/2016.

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