

Nicolas Ronald J. Jr.
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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 *
Nicolas Ronald J. Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PACIFIC PREMIER BANCORP INC [PPBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
17901 VON KARMAN, SUITE 1200
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/26/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SEVP & CFO

IRVINE, CA 92614

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|-----|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | |
| PPBI Common Stock | 01/26/2019 | | M | 468 | A | Ⓐ | 30,115 | D | |
| PPBI Common Stock | 01/26/2019 | | F | 767 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 29.25 | 29,348 ⁽³⁾ | D | |
| PPBI Common Stock | 01/26/2019 | | G ⁽⁴⁾ | V 1,106 | D | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 28,242 | D | |
| PPBI | 01/26/2019 | | G ⁽⁴⁾ | V 1,106 | A | \$ 0 | 8,478 | I | The |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Restricted Stock Units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to cover the tax liability incident to the vesting of Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock Awards
- (3) Includes 28,242 shares of restricted stock subject to a vesting schedule set forth in the restricted stock grant and subject to forfeiture upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the restricted stock grant.

(4) On January 29, 2019, the reporting person transferred 1,106 directly owned shares of PPBI common stock to The Nicolas Living Trust under agreement date 8/8/2006 (the "Trust"), Ronald J. Nicolas, Jr., Co-Trustee. The reporting person shares voting and dispositive control over shares held by the Trust.

(5) These shares are held by The Nicolas Living Trust under agreement date 8/8/2006 (the "Trust"), Ronald J. Nicolas, Jr., Co-Trustee. The reporting person shares voting and dispositive control over shares held by the Trust.

(6) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock. The Restricted Stock Units will vest annually, if at all, commencing January 26, 2018 in three installments ranging between 1/5 and 1/3 of the reported number of Restricted Stock Units.

(7) Not applicable

Each Restricted Stock Unit represents the right to receive one share of common stock. The amount reported reflects the maximum number of Restricted Stock Units that may vest upon achievement of certain predetermined performance goals and assuming continued employment through the vesting period. The Restricted Stock Units will vest annually, if at all, commencing February 28, 2019. Vesting will be tied entirely to performance, measured by a 3-year average relative total shareholder return percentile range compared to the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. Regional Banking Index.

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