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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Walkoff Neil E Symbol Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. [PNK]

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2018

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Issuer

Director

X_ Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 3980 **HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY**

(Street)

(State)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

EVP, Operations 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

below)

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

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 7. Nature of 1. Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Price Amount (D) Common 05/16/2018 \$ 4.22 240,397 M 20,000 Α D Stock Common 05/16/2018 F 229,986 D 10,411 D Stock

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 or 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)		(
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.22	05/16/2018		M	20,000	<u>(1)</u>	05/24/2018	Common Stock	20,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Walkoff Neil E

C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 3980 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

EVP, Operations

Signatures

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-In-Fact for Neil E. Walkoff

05/17/2018

**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) The options vested in four equal annual installments on May 24, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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