CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bracher Paul			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC [CFR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 100 WEST HC	(First) OUSTON ST	(Middle) FREET	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/19/2009	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) President		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/19/2009		F	793	D	\$ 50.7 (1)	62,826	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/20/2009		A	3,600	A	\$ 0 (2)	66,426	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value							425	I	By Son

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Common			Through
Stock,			Through
	24,846	I	401(k)
\$0.01 par	,		* *
value			Plan

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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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	ction	onof Derivative		mof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		Derivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) cquired (A) or isposed of (D)		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	\$ 50.64	10/20/2009		A		9,360		(3)	10/20/2019	Common Stock	9,360				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Bracher Paul 100 WEST HOUSTON STREET SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205			President				

Signatures

/s/ Paul Bracher
10/21/2009

**Signature of Date
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).

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- (1) Reflects the withholding of Common Stock to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation.
- (2) Restricted stock award with four year restriction period.
- (3) Vest 25% per year for four years from grant date.

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