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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Dennen Richard S

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

/OH/ [FFBC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year)

255 E FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900 03/08/2018

(Middle)

President, Commercial Finance 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Person

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefi	cially 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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	03/08/2018		D	2,705 (1)	D	\$ 28.35	24,358	I	Restricted
Common Stock	03/08/2018		A	1,904 (2)	A	\$ 28.35	43,034	D	
Common Stock							18,868	I	Restricted-P

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)

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Relationships

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Dennen Richard S President,
255 E FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202 Finance

Signatures

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA

03/09/2018

**Signature of Reporting Date
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) Vesting of restricted stock award.
- (2) Vesting of Restricted Stock Award less shares withheld for taxes.

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