Mineer Michael Ray Form 4 May 30, 2018

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Mineer Michael Ray Issuer Symbol PREMIER FINANCIAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) INC [PFBI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 10 SECOND STREET 05/29/2018 Senior Vice President (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting VANCEBURG, KY 41179 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **PFBI** 05/29/2018 P 1.000 19,892 D 22.25 Common

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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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Securities	8. Pri Deriv Secun (Instr	
				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					<u>(2)</u>	03/15/2027	PFBI Common	5,000	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (PFBI Common)	\$ 13.5454 (2)					(3)	03/16/2026	PFBI Common	5,500 (3)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.3818 (5)					<u>(4)</u>	03/18/2025	PFBI Common	5,500 (4)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.1182 (9)					<u>(5)</u>	03/19/2024	PFBI Common	5,500 (5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.3545 (6)					<u>(6)</u>	03/20/2023	PFBI Common	5,500 (6)	
Employee	\$ 6.7909					<u>(7)</u>	03/21/2022	PFBI	8,800	

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Stock Option (Right to Buy)	<u>(7)</u>		Common	<u>(7)</u>
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.3182 (<u>8)</u>	<u>(8)</u> 03/16/2021	PFBI Common	8,800 (8)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.0909 (9)	<u>(9)</u> 03/17/2020	PFBI Common	3,300 (9)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mineer Michael Ray 10 SECOND STREET VANCEBURG, KY 41179

Senior Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Michael R.

Mineer 05/30/2018

**Signature of Person 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).
- (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.
- (7) Options vested over three-year period from 03/21/2012 grant date and were fully vested on 03/21/2015.
- (8) Options vested over three-year period from 03/16/2011 grant date and were fully vested on 03/16/2014.
- (9) Options vested over three-year period from 03/17/2010 grant date and were fully vested on 03/17/2013.

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