DAVIS CLAUDE E Form 4

May 11, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DAVIS CLAUDE E Issuer Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) /OH/ [FFBC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 255 E FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900 05/10/2018 **Executive Chairman** (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

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit our Dispos (Instr. 3,	ed of	Price	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	05/10/2018		S	19,379	D	\$ 32.1935 (1)	385,187 (2)	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2018		S	15,621	D	\$ 32.2742 (3)	369,566	D	
Common Stock							681.0024 <u>(4)</u>	I	401-k

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DAVIS CLAUDE E 255 E FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	X		Executive Chairman					

Signatures

/s/ Billie L.
Meents, POA

**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 price reported is an average price per share. The prices ranged from \$32.00 to \$32.275 per share.
- (2) In addition to the sale of stock, the balance of shares owned has been adjusted to include all directly-owned common stock, including FFBC restricted and restricted performance shares (previously reported as indirectly held).
- (3) The price reported is an average price per share. The prices ranged from \$32.175 to \$32.40 per share.
- (4) Total includes 18.2892 shares acquired by the reporting person through dividend reinvestment under a 401(k) stock plan between 1/1/2018 and 5/11/2018.

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