FOEHR MATTHEW W

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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 FOEHR MATTHEW W Issuer Symbol LIGAND PHARMACEUTICALS (Check all applicable) INC [LGND] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 3911 SORRENTO VALLEY 05/10/2018 President and COO **BOULEVARD, STE 110**

(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
 _ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivativ	e Secu	rities Acqui	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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(III3u: +)	
Common Stock	05/10/2018		M	8,881	A	\$ 14.47	110,082	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2018		S	8,881	D	\$ 167.626 (1)	101,201	D	
Common Stock	05/10/2018		M	1,055	A	\$ 9.97	102,256	D	

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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	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 (right to buy)	\$ 9.97	05/10/2018	05/10/2018	M	1,055	(2)	04/18/2021	Common Stock	1,055
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.47	05/10/2018	05/10/2018	M	8,881	(3)	02/09/2022	Common Stock	8,881

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FOEHR MATTHEW W 3911 SORRENTO VALLEY BOULEVARD, STE 110 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

President and COO

Signatures

By: Charles S. Berkman For: Matthew W. Foehr 05/11/2018

**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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$167.60 to \$167.805, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request to the Securities Exchange Commission staff,

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the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

- (2) Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 04/18/11.
- (3) Grant to reporting person of options, exercisable over a 4-year period measured from the date of grant, 12-1/2% after six months, then 1/48th of the Option Shares per month thereafter. The date of grant is 02/09/12.

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