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FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP /OH/ Form 4 January 06, 2017 **OMB APPROVAL** FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 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 Barker David S Issuer Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) /OH/ [FFBC] (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 255 EAST FIFTH STREET, SUITE 01/05/2017 2900 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CINCINNATI, OH 45202 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 (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Transaction Disposed of (D) Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I)(A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **FFBC** (Directors 01/05/2017 Ρ 281 9.071 D A 28.1744 Fee Stock Plan) 4,908.9715 Common D Stock (1)Common Brokerage 5,722 Ι Stock Account Common I Restricted 1,405 Stock

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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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Barker David S 255 EAST FIFTH STREET SUITE 2900 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Х						
Signatures							
/s/ Billie L.	01/06/20	17					

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**Signature of Reporting Person

Meents, POA

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Includes shares in dividend reinvestment account.

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