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See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Dennen Richard S Issuer Symbol FIRST FINANCIAL BANCORP (Check all applicable) /OH/ [FFBC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 255 E FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900 01/31/2019 President, Commercial Finance (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) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
S	I.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. Securities Acc n(A) or Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (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	01/31/2019		D	14,941 (1)	D	\$ 26.33	3,927	I	Restricted-P
	Common Stock	01/31/2019		A	10,337 (2)	A	\$ 0	61,376	D	
	Common Stock							11,855	I	Restricted

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsinps

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Dennen Richard S President,
255 E FIFTH STREET, SUITE 2900 Commercial
CINCINNATI, OH 45202 Finance

Signatures

/s/ Denise R. 02/08/2019 Manus, POA

**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 performance shares.
- (2) Vesting of restricted performance stock award less shares withheld for taxes.

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