

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION [WAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/15/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION, ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PHOENIX, AZ 85004

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/15/2016 | | M | 5,000 A \$ 7.61 | 18,081 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 275,948 | I | The Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated January 9, 2007 |
| | | | | | 178,796 | I | |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|--|--|--|--------|---|--|
| Common Stock | | | | | | BG-05 Limited Partnership |
| Common Stock | | | | 38,572 | I | Marianne Boyd Johnson Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005 |
| Common Stock | | | | 38,571 | I | William R. Boyd Subtrust of The Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 15, 2005 |
| Common Stock | | | | 38,571 | I | Samuel J. Boyd Subtrust of the Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust dated April 14, 2005 |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D S (I) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------|
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| | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------------|------|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|-------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | |
| Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 7.61 | 01/15/2016 | M | | | 5,000 | 01/30/2013 01/30/2016 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD C/O WESTERN ALLIANCE BANCORPORATION ONE E. WASHINGTON STREET, STE 1400 PHOENIX, AZ 85004 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons
(Attorney-in-fact) 01/20/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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