

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**Higgins Martha**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC [BPFH]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 EVP, Chief HR Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC, TEN POST OFFICE SQUARE**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/15/2017**

(Street)  
**BOSTON, MA 02109**

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount or Price (A) or (D)			
Common Stock	05/15/2017		M	6,102	A \$ 15.6	48,608.968	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2017		F	1,809	D \$ 15.6	46,799.968	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2017		F	1,981	D \$ 15.6	44,818.968	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. 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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	\$ 12.01 (1)	05/15/2017		M		6,102		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	8,359 (3)
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	05/15/2017		A		4,582		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	4,582
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(5)	05/15/2017		A		6,872		(5)	(5)	Common Stock	6,872

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Higgins Martha BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC TEN POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109			EVP, Chief HR Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Margaret W. Chambers, as attorney-in-fact for Ms. Higgins

05/17/2017

\*\*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) May 15, 2014 grant date common stock closing price.

(2) Performance Shares represent a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. Performance Shares vested based on the Company's performance for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

(3) Number represents targeted performance shares initially granted for the 2014-2016 performance period. 73% of these shares vested based upon the Company's performance during the performance period. The remaining performance shares were forfeited.

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- (4) Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. Restricted Stock Units vest in full on the third anniversary of the grant date.
- (5) Each Performance Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. Performance Restricted Stock Units vest based on the Company's performance for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.

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