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Form 5

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Burton Craig J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

OMB

Number:

Expires:

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burden hours per

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

02/26/2019

below) Senior Vice President

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(Instr. 4)

Person

WARSAW, NY 14569

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Transactionof **Expiration Date** Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code	V	(A) (D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	02/26/2019		A		972	02/26/2022	02/26/2022	Common Stock	972

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Burton Craig J

220 LIBERTY STREET Senior Vice President

WARSAW, NY 14569

Signatures

Michael D. Grover, by power of attorney 02/28/2019

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of FISI common stock.

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