

BIRMINGHAM MARTIN KEARNEY
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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 *
 BIRMINGHAM MARTIN KEARNEY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC [FISI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 220 LIBERTY STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/26/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President & CEO

WARSAW, NY 14569
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	9,176	I	Held in 401K Plan
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	7,500	I	Held in IRA
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	77,454	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			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Acquired (A)	Disposed of (D)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Title
Restricted Stock Unit	①	02/26/2019		A	5,774			02/26/2022	02/26/2022	Common Stock	5,774

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIRMINGHAM MARTIN KEARNEY 220 LIBERTY STREET WARSAW, NY 14569			President & CEO	

Signatures

Michael D. Grover, by power of attorney
Date: 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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