FORM 4

to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See

Instruction 1(b).

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Leniski Stephanie R  (Last) (First) (Middle)  P.O. BOX 1387						Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]      3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2024							(Chec	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President					
(Street) WARSA	.W IN	N 4	6581-1	387	4. If Amendment, Date of					of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip) Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication  Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.  Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											ntended to								
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day				tion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)			A) or 5. Amount of		ount of ties cially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pi	ice	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)		(ilisti. 4)	
Common Stock															2	2,977	I	401(k) Plan	
Commor	Stock			02/02/2	2024			A		4,779(1)	A	1	\$ <mark>0</mark>	0 7,717		D			
Common Stock 02/02/2					2024			F		2,012	I	\$	65.39			D			
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
Derivative   Conversion   Date   Execution Date,   Security   or Exercise   (Month/Day/Year)   if any			nsaction de (Instr.  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)		te ear)	Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Ins 3 and 4)		tr.	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (I or Indirect) (I) (Instr	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. On February 2, 2021 the reporting person was granted an award of 4,050 restricted stock units that were subject to vesting based on individual and corporate performance criteria, which grant was previously reported on Table II. The issuer's Compensation Committee determined that 4,779 shares of common stock would be issued in settlement of the award.

/s/ Becka J. Turnbow,

Attorney-in-Fact

02/05/2024

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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