

Higgins Martha
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FORM 4

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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)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
TEN POST OFFICE SQUARE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/15/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Human Capital Resources

BOSTON, MA 02109

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/15/2013		M		13,066	A	\$ 9.34
Common Stock	01/28/2013		S		6,866 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 9.315
					68,857.1692	D	
					68,524.1692	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	\$ 7.94	01/15/2013		M	13,066	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	13,066

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Higgins Martha TEN POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109			EVP, Human Capital Resources	

Signatures

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

01/29/2013

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) Automatic sale to cover taxes upon vesting of 2010 performance shares.

(2) The performance shares vest based on the Company's performance for the period January 1, 2010 To December 31, 2012.

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