

Walkoff Neil E
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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 *
Walkoff Neil E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC., 3980 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. [PNK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/15/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
EVP, Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾	282,279	D 0	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)

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.55	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾	15,201	⁽³⁾ 10/05/2022	Common Stock	15,201
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.51	10/15/2018		D ⁽¹⁾	25,455	⁽⁵⁾ 04/28/2023	Common Stock	25,455

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Walkoff Neil E C/O PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. 3980 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY LAS VEGAS, NV 89169			EVP, Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Elliot D. Hoops, Attorney-in-Fact for Neil E. Walkoff
 10/16/2018
 **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) Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 17, 2017 (the "Merger Agreement," and the merger contemplated thereby, the "Merger"), by and among Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. (the "Issuer"), Penn National Gaming, Inc. ("Penn") and Franchise Merger Sub, Inc.
 - (2) Disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement, whereby at the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time") each share of Issuer common stock was cancelled and automatically converted into the right to receive \$20 in cash, and 0.42 shares of Penn common stock (together, the "Merger Consideration"), with the fractional shares being paid in cash as provided in the Merger Agreement.
 - (3) The stock options vest and become exercisable in four annual installments on October 5, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.
 - (4) Disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement, whereby at the Effective Time each outstanding and vested Issuer stock option other than any vested Issuer stock option that had an exercise price equal to or greater than the Merger Consideration (each such stock option, an "Underwater Option"), was cancelled and automatically converted into the right to receive the Merger Consideration, less the exercise price applicable to such stock option (which exercise price was deducted first ratably from the stock and cash portions of the Merger

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Consideration to reduce the number of shares delivered to the Reporting Person).

(5) The stock options vest and become exercisable in four annual installments on April 28, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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