

Maher Christopher
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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 *
 Maher Christopher

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP
 [OCFC]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 110 WEST FRONT STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 06/07/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, President and CEO

RED BANK, NJ 07701
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/07/2018		M	4,500 A \$ 14.55	91,655	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock	06/07/2018		M	24,000 A \$ 17.75	115,655	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock	06/07/2018		M	29,772 A \$ 17.37	145,427	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock	06/07/2018		M	39,783 A \$ 17.28	185,210	D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock	06/07/2018		F	75,642 D \$ 30.75	109,568	D ⁽¹⁾	

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Common Stock	7,726	I	By 401(k) Plan ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	1,708	I	By ESOP ⁽²⁾

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.55	06/07/2018		M	4,500	06/17/2014	06/17/2023	Common Stock	4,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.75	06/07/2018		M	24,000	03/01/2015	03/19/2024	Common Stock	24,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.37	06/07/2018		M	29,772	03/01/2016	03/18/2025	Common Stock	29,772
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.28	06/07/2018		M	39,783	03/01/2017	03/16/2026	Common Stock	39,783
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.01					03/01/2018	03/15/2027	Common Stock	73,400
Stock Option	\$ 27.4					03/01/2019	01/24/2028	Common Stock	25,275

(right to
buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Maher Christopher 110 WEST FRONT STREET RED BANK, NJ 07701	X			Chairman, President and CEO

Signatures

/s/ Steven J. Tsimbinos, Power of Attorney

06/11/2018

__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) Total includes shares of restricted Common stock that have not yet vested.
- (2) This form reflects increases in beneficial ownership resulting from exempt acquisitions pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (3) Options vest in five equal annual installments beginning on the date first exercisable.

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