

MCCABE ROBERT A JR  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 MCCABE ROBERT A JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS INC [PNFP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 150 THIRD AVE SOUTH, SUITE 900  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/29/2011

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 CHAIRMAN

NASHVILLE, TN 37201

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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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Salary Stock Unit               | 12/29/2011                           |  | A                              | V   | 841 <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 0   | D  |   |
| PNFP Common Stock               | 12/30/2011                           |  | F                              |   | 3,622 <sup>(3)</sup> \$ 16.41   | D  |   |
| PNFP Common Stock               |                                      |  |                                |   | 146,511   | I  | IRA   |
| PNFP Common                     |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,370   | I  | IRA-Spouse  |

|                         |        |   |  |             |
|-------------------------|--------|---|--|-------------|
| Stock                   |        |   |  |             |
| PNFP<br>Common<br>Stock | 184    | I |  | By Daughter |
| PNFP<br>Common<br>Stock | 2,652  | I |  | By Spouse   |
| PNFP<br>Common<br>Stock | 19,388 | I |  | 401K Plan   |
| PNFP<br>Common<br>Stock | 159    | I |  | By Daughter |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Code   | V   | (A)   | (D)  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer  | Other |
| MCCABE ROBERT A JR<br>150 THIRD AVE SOUTH<br>SUITE 900<br>NASHVILLE, TN 37201 | X             |           | CHAIRMAN |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Robert A.  
McCabe, Jr.

01/03/2012

\_\_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) Restricted salary stock units that were awarded, effective 12/29/2011, by the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. (the "Company") pursuant to a Salary Stock Unit Award Agreement (the "Agreement"), the form of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (the "Form 8-K") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2011. The restricted salary stock units are immediately vested and are payable solely in a like number of shares of the Company's common stock on, or as soon as administratively practical following, December 30, 2011, or if earlier the reporting person's death (the "Settlement Date"), but in no event later than two and one-half months following the Settlement Date. For additional information regarding the restricted salary stock units please see the Form 8-K and the copy of the Agreement filed therewith.

(2) Effective December 30, 2011, the restricted salary stock units issued to the reporting person in 2011 were settled into 16,783 shares of the company's common stock.

(3) The transaction represents the payment of the withholding tax liability associated with the issuance of shares of the Company's common stock on December 30, 2011 in settlement of the restricted salary stock units issued to the reporting person in 2011 by the Company's withholding of shares of the Company's common stock having a value equal to the withholding tax liability based on the closing price of the Company's common stock on December 29, 2011.

(4) Includes 13,161 shares of the company's common stock (net of the tax withholding reported in footnote 3) issued in settlement of the restricted salary stock units issued to the reporting person throughout 2011.

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