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## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Port Barry

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

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(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

02/15/2018

Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner \_ Other (specify

below)

Vice President

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

#### MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691

(City)	(State)	${\bf (Zip)} \qquad \qquad {\bf Table~I-Non-Derivative~Securities~Acquired, Disposed~of, or~Beneficially~Owned}$							
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)	, , ,			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M	1,510	A	\$ 7.96	122,467	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		S(1)	1,510	D	\$ 26.0218 (2)	120,957	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M	15,445	A	\$ 7.86	136,402	D	
Common Stock	02/15/2018		S(1)	15,445	D	\$ 26.1004 (3)	120,957	D	
	02/16/2018		M	2,885	A	\$ 7.86	123,842	D	

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Common Stock

Common Stock 02/16/2018  $S_{\underbrace{(1)}}$  2,885  $D_{\underbrace{(4)}}$  \$26.211 120,957  $D_{\underbrace{(4)}}$ 

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Underlying Securitic (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.96	02/15/2018		M		1,510	10/31/2013(5)	10/31/2022	Common Stock	1,51
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.86	02/15/2018		M		15,445	07/26/2013(6)	07/26/2022	Common Stock	15,4
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.86	02/16/2018		M		2,885	07/26/2013(6)	07/26/2022	Common Stock	2,88

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
rt Barry			Vice President				

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## **Signatures**

/s/ Chad A. Keetch, as power of attorney

02/20/2018

\*\*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) The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on December 11, 2017.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.00 to \$26.09. The price above reflects the weighted average (2) sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.00 to 26.22. The price above reflects the weighted average (3) sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$26.00 to \$26.45. The price above reflects the weighted average (4) sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (5) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 7,332 shares, was granted on October 31, 2012 and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on October 31, 2013, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (6) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 18,330 shares, was granted on July 26, 2012 and became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning on July 26, 2013, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.

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