

JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD
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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 *
 JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 WESTERN ALLIANCE
 BANCORPORATION [WAL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/14/2012

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

(Street)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2012 | | M | 3,000 | A | \$ 7.03 | 19,652 D |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2012 | | S | 8,364 | D | \$ 9.7012 (1) | 11,288 D |
| Common Stock | 09/14/2012 | | S | 23,256 | D | \$ 9.7062 (2) | 286,701 I |

The Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated January 9, 2007

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|--------------|------------|------------------|--------|---|------|---------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 09/17/2012 | J ⁽³⁾ | 14,066 | A | \$ 0 | 300,767 | I | The Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated January 9, 2007 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 257,143 | I | The Boyd 2005 Irrevocable Trust, dated April 14, 2005 |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 184,796 | I | BG-05 Limited Partnership |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 14,612 | I | The William and Myong Boyd Children's Trust |

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|-------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Common Stock | \$ 7.03 | 09/14/2012 | | M | 3,000 | 12/18/2007 | 12/18/2012 | Common Stock | 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| JOHNSON MARIANNE BOYD | | | X | |

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons
 (Attorney-in-fact) 09/18/2012

__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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.63 to \$9.79, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Western Alliance Bancorporation, any security holder of Western Alliance Bancorporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
 - (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$9.6214 to \$9.79, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Western Alliance Bancorporation, any security holder of Western Alliance Bancorporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
 - (3) On September 17, 2012, WAL-10, LLC, of which reporting person has no investment or voting control, transferred 14,066 shares to The Marianne E. Boyd Trust, dated January 9, 2007.

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