

Stephenson Mona Abutaleb
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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 *
 Stephenson Mona Abutaleb

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/22/2019

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

OLNEY, MD 20832

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) or Price (A)		
Common Stock	01/22/2019		P		630 A \$ 31.8742	2,078	D
Common Stock						303	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock						393	D ⁽²⁾
Common Stock						655	D ⁽³⁾

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)

Table with 10 columns: 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5), 10. Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5). Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for Stephenson Mona Abutaleb, SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE, OLNEY, MD 20832, with an 'X' in the 10% Owner relationship column.

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Ms. Stephenson 01/23/2019
**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 stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for three years beginning April 1, 2017.
(2) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for three years beginning April 1, 2018.
(3) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for three years beginning April 1, 2019.

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