

ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 4

February 16, 2017

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MINICUCCI BENITO

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.  
[ALK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
PRES & COO

SEATTLE, WA 98188

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
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Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup>	02/14/2017		A <sup>(2)</sup>	V Amount 10,465 <sup>(1)</sup>	(A) or (D) \$ 0	83,163	D
COMMON STOCK <sup>(1)</sup>	02/14/2017		F <sup>(5)</sup>	4,391	D \$ 96.3	78,772	D

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/14/2017		A		4,400		02/14/2020	02/14/2027	COMMON STOCK
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION (RT TO BUY)	\$ 96.3	02/14/2017		A		10,130		02/14/2018 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/14/2027	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MINICUCCI BENITO 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188	PRES & COO

## Signatures

/S/ JEANNE E. GAMMON, ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR BENITO MINICUCCI

02/16/2017

\_\_\_\_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).
- INCLUDES 2,440, 4,990 and 5,000 UNVESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 5/12/2014, 2/10/2015, AND 2/9/2016, RESPECTIVELY, UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; and 260 UNVESTED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED ON 5/12/2016 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2016 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN.
- (1) COMMON SHARES ISSUED UPON ATTAINING PERFORMANCE GOALS SET FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING 12/31/2016 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF A PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT AWARD GRANTED ON 2/11/2014 UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2008 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PER APPROVAL BY THE BOARD'S COMPENSATION COMMITTEE ON 2/14/2017.
- (2) RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS CONVERT INTO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS.
- (3) OPTIONS VEST IN 25% INCREMENTS OVER FOUR YEARS (02/14/2018, 02/14/2019, 02/14/2020 and 02/14/2021).
- (4)
- (5)

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COMMON SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF PERFORMANCE STOCK UNITS ON 2/14/2017. AMOUNT PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF THE SHARES ON THE DATE OF FORFEITURE.

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