

RICHARDSON FRANK E III  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
RICHARDSON FRANK E III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SONIC CORP [SONC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE

(Street)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/18/2017

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock					16,484	I	Trustee of children's trusts
Common Stock					1,500	I	By son
Common Stock	12/18/2017		M	9,209 A	\$ 11.19 1,061,699	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2017		S	3,670 D	\$ 28.2137 1,058,029	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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 11.19	12/18/2017		M	9,209	01/06/2014 01/06/2018	common stock 9,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RICHARDSON FRANK E III 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104		X		

## Signatures

Carolyn C. Cummins for Frank E. Richardson  
Date: 12/19/2017

\*\*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).
- (1) This price represents the weighted average sales price. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$28.16 to \$28.28 per share. The reporting person will provide full details regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon the SEC's request.

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