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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Callahan Daniel D. Issuer Symbol **COMMERCE BANCSHARES INC** (Check all applicable) /MO/ [CBSH] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR 05/15/2018 Exec. Vice President & CCO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting KANSAS CITY, MO 64106 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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) stiomr Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			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)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price \$	(msu. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/15/2018		S	3,000	D	65.0898 (1)	27,257	D	
Common Stock	07/16/2018		M	5,951	A	\$ 30.5732	33,231	D	
Common Stock	07/16/2018		M	4,360	A	\$ 36.6268	37,591	D	
Common Stock	07/16/2018		M	3,929	A	\$ 35.4001	41,520	D	
Common Stock	07/16/2018		M	2,603	A	\$ 35.7189	44,123	D	

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Common Stock	07/16/2018	F	3,208	D	\$ 68.48	40,915	D	
Common Stock	07/16/2018	D	8,379	D	\$ 68.48	32,536	D	
Common Stock	07/17/2018	S	5,000	D	\$ 68.8308 (2)	27,536	D	
Common Stock						6,972	I	401(k)
Common Stock						314	I	Exec Comp Plan

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Nur of Shar
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 30.5732	07/16/2018		M	5,951	04/17/2014(3)	04/17/2023	Common Stock	5,9
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 36.6268	07/16/2018		M	4,360	01/27/2015(4)	01/27/2024	Common Stock	4,3
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 35.4001	07/16/2018		M	3,929	01/27/2016(5)	01/27/2025	Common Stock	3,9
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 35.7189	07/16/2018		M	2,603	01/27/2017(6)	01/27/2026	Common Stock	2,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Callahan Daniel D.

1000 WALNUT ST., 7TH FLOOR Exec. Vice President & CCO

KANSAS CITY, MO 64106

Signatures

By Jeffery D. Aberdeen For: Daniel D. Callahan 07/18/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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* 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) Sale prices ranged from \$65.08 to \$65.0923.
- (2) Sale prices ranged from \$68.80 to \$68.865.
- (3) This stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning on April 17, 2014.
- (4) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning January 27, 2015.
- (5) The stock appreciation rights vest in four equal annual installments beginning January 27, 2016.
- (6) The stock appreciation right vests in four equal annual installments beginning January 27, 2017.

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