SONIC CORP Form 4 January 23, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(City)

Hobart Lauren R Issuer Symbol SONIC CORP [SONC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE 01/19/2017 below) (Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

(State)

(Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Person

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 3,423 D Stock

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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	01/19/2017		A	1,772	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	1,772
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4	01/19/2017		A	6,675	<u>(1)</u>	01/19/2024	Common Stock	6,675

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Hobart Lauren R 300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104	X						

Signatures

Paige S. Bass for Lauren R. Hobart

01/20/2017 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 Units and Non-qualified Stock Options shall vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the Grant Date or (ii) the date of the Sonic Corp. annual shareholders' meeting in the following year.

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