FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Tahinos Peter | | | | | LI | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORP [LINC] | | | | | | | | | | all app Direct Office | licable) tor er (give title | 1 C | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify | |
|--|--|------|--|---------|---|--|---|-----------------|--|--------------------|---|---|----------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O LINCOLN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CORPORA 200 EXECUTIVE DR., STE 340 | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2017 | | | | | | | | | | | belov | , | o Marketing | elow) | |
| (Street) WEST ORANGE NJ 07052 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - Nor | n-Deriv | ative | Se | curiti | es Ac | quired | , Dis | posed c | of, o | r Ben | eficia | ally C | Owne | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | | Day/Year) if | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5) | | ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | 4 and Secu Bene | | cially I Following | 6. Owners Form: Dire (D) or Indi (I) (Instr. 4 | ct ect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) Price | | Trancas | | ction(s) | | | (111511.4) |
| Common Stock 03/15 | | | | | | 15/2017 | | | | | 9,755 | (1) | D | \$2.34 | | 4 40,245 | | D | | |
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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yes | | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, r) if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n of | | 6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | te | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | str. 3 | 8. Pric Deriva Secur (Instr. | ative rity | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (D) rect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | Co | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercis | able | Expiration Date | Title | or Nur of | ount nber ires | 1 1 | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Consists of shares withheld by the Issuer with respect to income taxes payable by the Reporting Person upon the vesting and delivery of 50% of the shares of restricted stock previously granted by the Issuer on May 13, 2016.

/s/ Peter Tahinos

03/27/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

 $Reminder: \ Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$

- * 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).

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