### ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.

Form 4

February 18, 2015

## FORM 4

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

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

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MINICUCCI BENITO |                   |          | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol          | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable)             |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------|----------|---|---|--|--|--|
|  |                   |          | ALASKA AIR GROUP, INC.<br>[ALK]                             |   |  |  |  |
| (Last) (First)  19300 INTERNATIONA                         |                   | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/14/2015 | Director 10% Owne<br>Officer (give title Other (special<br>below) below)  EVP/OPS & COO |  |  |  |
|  | (Street)          |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)                              |  |  |  |
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| (City)                          | (State) (Zip)                           | Table I -   | Non-Deriv                              | ative Secu                               | rities . | Acquired    | , Disposed of, or  | Beneficially   | Owned   |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--|--|----------|-------------|--|--|---|
| .Title of Security<br>Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securition(A) or Dis<br>(Instr. 3, 4) | sposed   | of (D)      | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                 | 02/14/2015                              |   | A(1)                                   | 14,000                                   | A        | \$ 0        | 61,989   | D  |   |
| RESTRICTED<br>STOCK UNIT        | 02/14/2015                              |   | J(2)                                   | 14,000                                   | D        | \$ 0        | 23,530   | D  |   |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                 | 02/14/2015                              |   | F(3)                                   | 5,873                                    | D        | \$<br>62.56 | 56,116   | 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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Tit. | le and     | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transacti  | orNumber   | Expiration D | ate         | Amou    | unt of     | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/  | /Year)      | Unde    | rlying     | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ  | e            |             | Secur   | rities     | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities | S            |             | (Instr  | . 3 and 4) |             | Own    |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |              |             |         |            |             | Follo  |
|             | -           |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |              |             |         |            |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |              |             |         |            |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |              |             |         |            |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |              |             |         |            |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |              |             |         |            |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |              |             |         |            |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |              |             |         | Amount     |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date         | Expiration  |         | or         |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable  | Date        | Title   | Number     |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |              |             |         | of         |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |              |             |         | Shares     |             |        |

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MINICUCCI BENITO 19300 INTERNATIONAL BLVD SEATTLE, WA 98188

**EVP/OPS & COO** 

## **Signatures**

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

02/18/2015

\*\*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) COMMON SHARES ACQUIRED UPON VESTING OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS ON 02/14/2015.
- (2) FULLY VESTED STOCK UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S 2018 PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN; PAYABLE IN SHARES OF THE ISSUER'S COMMON STOCK EFFECTIVE 02/14/2015.
- (3) COMMON SHARES FORFEITED TO COVER PAYROLL TAXES UPON VESTING OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS ON 02/14/2015. AMOUNT PROVIDED IN COLUMN 4 REPRESENTS THE FMV OF THE SHARES ON THE DATE OF FORFEITURE.

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