

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 11, 2019

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 11, 2019

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First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)  
Delaware 001-16715 56-1528994  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

4300 Six Forks Road; Raleigh, North Carolina 27609  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (919) 716-7000

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if  
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obligation of the registrant under  
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- Written  
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425 under the  
Securities Act (17  
CFR 230.425)
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14a-12 under the  
Exchange Act (17  
CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement  
communications  
pursuant to Rule  
14d-2(b) under the  
Exchange Act (17  
CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement  
communications  
pursuant to Rule  
13e-4(c) under the  
Exchange Act (17  
CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 8.01. Other Events

On January 10, 2019, First Citizens BancShares, Inc.'s bank subsidiary, First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company ("FCB"), and First South Bancorp, Inc. ("First South Bancorp") announced that they had entered into a definitive merger agreement. The agreement provides for the acquisition of Spartanburg, South Carolina-based First South Bancorp by FCB.

The agreement has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both companies. The transaction is anticipated to close as soon as the second quarter of 2019, subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals, the approval of First South Bancorp's shareholders and the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions.

Under the terms of the agreement, cash consideration of \$1.15 per share will be paid to the shareholders of First South Bancorp for each share of its outstanding common stock.

A copy of the joint press release issued by FCB and First South Bancorp announcing the proposed transaction is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit accompanies this report.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Joint press release dated January 10, 2019

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: January 11, 2019 By: /s/ Craig L. Nix  
Craig L. Nix  
Chief Financial Officer