

CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC

Form 4

October 21, 2009

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Kardys Richard

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CULLEN FROST BANKERS INC
[CFR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
100 WEST HOUSTON STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/19/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Group Executive Vice President

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/19/2009		F	1,031 D	\$ 50.7 (1)	111,705	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	10/20/2009		A	4,100 A	\$ 0 (2)	115,805	D
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value					28,724	I	Through 401(k) Plan

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(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 50.64	10/20/2009		A	10,660	(3) 10/20/2019	Common Stock	10,660

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Kardys Richard 100 WEST HOUSTON STREET SAN ANTONIO, TX 78205	Group Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Richard
Kardys 10/21/2009

**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) Reflects the withholding of Common Stock to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation.
- (2) Restricted stock award with four year restriction period.
- (3) Vest 25% per year for four years from grant date.

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