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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Witekind Beverly B.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 29222 RANCHO VIEJO ROAD SUITE 127 (Street) SAN JUAN CA 92675 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ENSIGN GROUP, INC [ENSG]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>VP and General Counsel</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/30/2019</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/30/2019		S ⁽¹⁾		113	D	\$41.432	54,264	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$45.34							05/30/2020 ⁽²⁾	05/30/2029	Common Stock	4,719 ⁽³⁾		4,719	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.8							05/25/2018 ⁽⁴⁾	05/25/2027	Common Stock	3,539 ⁽³⁾		3,539	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.93							08/31/2017 ⁽⁵⁾	08/31/2026	Common Stock	3,589 ⁽³⁾		3,539	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$18.2							10/29/2016 ⁽⁶⁾	10/29/2025	Common Stock	4,719 ⁽³⁾		4,719	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.89							05/29/2015 ⁽⁷⁾	05/29/2024	Common Stock	10,812 ⁽³⁾		10,812	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.74							10/29/2014 ⁽⁸⁾	10/29/2023	Common Stock	4,325 ⁽³⁾		4,325	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.56							05/15/2013 ⁽⁹⁾	05/15/2021	Common Stock	12,975 ⁽³⁾		12,975	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.44							10/27/2012 ⁽¹⁰⁾	10/27/2021	Common Stock	8,650 ⁽³⁾		8,650	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on December 14, 2016.
- These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning May 30, 2020.
- All options held by the Reporting Person have been adjusted to increase the number of shares and, in the case of the options, reduce the exercise price, in a manner subject to the adjustment provisions of The Pennant Group, Inc. spin-off from The Ensign Group, Inc. which occurred on October 1, 2019.
- These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning May 25, 2018.
- These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning August 31, 2017.
- These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning October 29, 2016.
- These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on May 29, 2015.
- These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning October 29, 2014.
- These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on May 15, 2013.
- These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning October 27, 2012.

Remarks:

/s/ Chad A. Keetch, as power of attorney 11/01/2019

** 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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