BOYD WILLIAM S

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1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BOYD WILLIAM S** Issuer Symbol WESTERN ALLIANCE (Check all applicable) **BANCORPORATION [WAL]** (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 2950 SOUTH INDUSTRIAL ROAD 01/24/2012 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onAcquired	d (A) o	or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
						Reported			
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
					or		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	,		
Common Stock	01/24/2012		A	6,188	A	\$0	12,778	D	
Common Stock							3,714,292	I	William S. Boyd Trust

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	1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Monta Day) Teal)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	ying ies	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director

BOYD WILLIAM S 2950 SOUTH INDUSTRIAL ROAD X LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

Signatures

/s/ Dale Gibbons 01/26/2012 (Attorney-in-fact)

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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