

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/

Form 8-K

July 27, 2018

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) July 25, 2018

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

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

Check the appropriate box below if
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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))

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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. “

Item 8.01. Other Events

On July 25, 2018, First Citizens BancShares, Inc.'s bank subsidiary, First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company ("FCB"), and Palmetto Heritage Bancshares, Inc. ("Palmetto Heritage Bancshares") announced that they had entered into a definitive merger agreement. The agreement provides for the acquisition by FCB of Pawleys Island, SC-based Palmetto Heritage Bancshares and its bank subsidiary, Palmetto Heritage Bank & Trust.

The agreement has been approved by the Boards of Directors of both companies. The transaction is expected to close during the fourth quarter of 2018, subject to the receipt of regulatory approvals and the approval of Palmetto Heritage Bancshares' shareholders.

Under the terms of the agreement, cash consideration of \$135.00 will be paid to the shareholders of Palmetto Heritage Bancshares for each share of its common stock.

A copy of the joint press release issued by FCB and Palmetto Heritage Bancshares 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 July 25, 2018

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: July 27, 2018 By: /s/ Craig L. Nix
Craig L. Nix
Chief Financial Officer