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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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
<u>Lear Stephen G.</u>	<u>NSTS Bancorp, Inc. [NSTS]</u>	☒ Director 10% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
<u>700 S LEWIS AVE</u>	<u>10/01/2026</u>	<u>Chief Executive Officer</u>
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
<u>WAUKEGAN IL 60085</u>		☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	10/01/2026		U		62,905	D	\$14.31 ⁽¹⁾	0	D	
Common Stock	10/01/2026		U		8,460	D	\$14.31 ⁽¹⁾	0	I	By ESOP

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				
Stock Option	\$9.36	10/01/2026		U			90,000	(2)	06/15/2033	Common Stock	90,000	(2)	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated 05/12/2026, each outstanding share of common stock was converted into the right to receive \$14.31 in cash at the effective time of the merger.
2. This option, which provided for vesting in five equal annual installments beginning June 15, 2024, was cancelled in the merger and converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to the product of: (i) the total number of shares of Company common stock underlying the option, multiplied by (ii) the excess of (A) \$14.31, over (B) the per share exercise price for such option.

/s/ Carissa H. Schoolcraft, POA 10/02/2026

** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Stephen G. Lear, Nathan E. Walker, Carissa H. Schoolcraft and Christine Stickler, or either of them signing singly, and with full power of substitution, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) prepare and execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an executive officer or director of NSTS Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney(s)-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act, and neither the Company nor any of the foregoing attorney(s)-in-fact assumes any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with the requirements of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or any liability of the undersigned for disgorgement of profits under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 13 day of December, 2021.

/s/ Stephen G. Lear
Signature:

Stephen G. Lear
Printed Name