FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 a		porting Person*	2. Date of E Requiring S (Month/Day 03/17/202	statement /Year)	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Ponce Financial Group, Inc. [ PDLB ]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2244 WESTCHESTER AVENUE  (Street) BRONX NY 10462		05/1//2022		4. Relationship of Reporting Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director Officer (give title below)	Person(s) to  10% Owner  Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. )	Form: I (D) or I			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock					30,000	I	D				
Common Stock					20,000	I		43 RD ST NEW YORK AVE LLC			
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)											
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			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivat Securit	ive	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	5)	

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Remarks:

/s/Frank Perez, as attorney

03/25/2022

<u>n fact</u>

\*\* 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 5 (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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Know all by these presents that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Lissette Rivera, Frank Perez, Carlos Naudon, Megan Foscaldi, and Daniel Weitzel, or any of them signing singly, and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) prepare, execute, and submit to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary or appropriate to obtain codes and passwords enabling the undersigned to make electronic filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission of reports required or considered by the attorney-in-fact to be advisable under Section 13 or Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or any rule or regulation of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Ponce Financial Group, 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;
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (4) 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 attorneys-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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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. This Power of Attorney supersedes all previous Powers of Attorney relating to the subject matter hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 22nd day of March 2022.

Signature: /s/ James Perez
James Perez

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