FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Rhoten Brandon P						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol POTBELLY CORP [ PBPB ]									tionship of Reporting all applicable) Director Officer (give title		10% Ov Other (s		ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 111 N CANAL SUITE 850					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/18/2020									X below) below)  SVP, Chief Marketing Officer					
(Street) CHICAGO	CHICAGO IL 60606				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									3. Indi ₋ine) X					
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)		Code	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			4 and Securitie Beneficia Owned F		Form	: Direct I r Indirect I str. 4)	7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership
									Code	v	Amount	(A) o (D)	Pric	e	Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a				Instr. 4)
Common Stock 09.					3/2020						29,712	2 A	(	(1)	178,	,774		D	
Common Stock 09					09/21/2020				S		552(2)	D	\$4	4.07 178,		3,222		D	
Common Stock 09/2					9/21/2020				S		8,816(2	D \$4.01		1.01	169,406			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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date E Expiration (Month/I	on Dat		7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti (Instr. 4)	e Or s Fo lly Di or (l)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	ber					
Performance Stock Units	(1)	09/18/2020		М				29,712	(1)		05/15/2025	Common	29,7	12	(1)	89,13	4	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each performance stock unit represented a contingent right to receive one share of Potbelly Corporation common stock upon the Potbelly Corporation common stock achieving a specified market price target.
- 2. Represents shares automatically sold pursuant to an irrevocable sell to cover election to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of 29,712 shares of performance stock units from a June 24, 2020 grant of 118,846 shares of performance stock units.

By: Xuehui Cassie Zhang For: **Brandon Rhoten** 

09/22/2020

\*\* 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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