

BOYD WILLIAM S  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BOYD WILLIAM S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3883 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY, NINTH FLOOR

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89169

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BOYD GAMING CORP [BYD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/12/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Executive Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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                    | 01/12/2009                           |  | G                              | V 18,424 D (4)  | 17,569,324  | I  | By Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 58,501  | I  | By Corporation <sup>(2)</sup>                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 28,000  | I  | By Corporation <sup>(3)</sup>                         |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| BOYD WILLIAM S<br>3883 HOWARD HUGHES PARKWAY<br>NINTH FLOOR<br>LAS VEGAS, NV 89169 | X             | X         | Executive Chairman |       |

## Signatures

Brian A. Larson, Attorney-in-Fact for William S. Boyd  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person  
 Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) By William S. Boyd Gaming Properties Trust ("WSBGPT") of which reporting person is the trustee, settlor and beneficiary.
- (2) By W.S.B., Inc., the reporting person's wholly owned corporation.
- (3) By William S. Boyd Family Corporation, the reporting person's wholly owned corporation.

On January 12, 2009, the reporting person gifted 18,424 shares of Common Stock (the "Shares") from WSBGPT to the education trusts of the following grandchildren in the amounts specified in brackets: The Aysia Lynn Boyd 1997 Education Trust (2,303 shares), The Samuel Joseph Boyd, Jr., 1997 Education Trust (2,303 shares), The Taylor Joseph Boyd 1997 Education Trust (2,303 shares), The Josef William Boyd 1997 Education Trust (2,303 shares), The T'Mir Kathleen Boyd 1997 Education Trust (2,303 shares), The William Samuel Boyd 1997 Education Trust (2,303 shares), The Sean William Johnson 1997 Education Trust (2,303 shares), and The Justin Boyd 1999 Education Trust (2,303 shares).

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