DOWNES SEAN P Form 4 January 24, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **DOWNES SEAN P**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

UNIVERSAL INSURANCE HOLDINGS, INC. [UVE]

Issuer

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

1110 WEST COMMERCIAL **BOULEVARD, SUITE 100**

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2018

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

CEO

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309

(State)

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|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------|------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securit | ies Ac | quired | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction(A) or Disposed of | | | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect | |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (D) | | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership | |
| | | • • | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | | | or | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (====================================== | | |
| Common Stock | 01/22/2018 | | M | 73,529 (1) (2) | A | (1) (2) | 1,442,934 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/22/2018 | | F | 26,953 (3) | D | \$ 30 | 1,415,981 | D | |

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 on 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 Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------|--|--------------------|---|------------------|
| | Security | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am Nur Sha |
| Performance Share Units | <u>(1)</u> | 01/22/2018 | | A | 110,294 | , | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(1)</u> | Common Stock | 11 |
| Performance Share Units | <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 01/22/2018 | | M | | 73,529 | (1)(2) | (1)(2) | Common Stock | 73 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| DOWNES SEAN P | | | | | | |
| 1110 WEST COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD | | | CEO | | | |
| SUITE 100 | | | CLO | | | |
| FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Sean Downes

01/24/2018

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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These performance share units ("PSUs") were granted on January 20, 2017, but were conditional upon the Issuer meeting certain growth performance goals for the 2017 calendar year. On January 17, 2018, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors

- confirmed that the Issuer met the performance goals for the 2017 calendar year. Each PSU represents the right to receive one share of Common Stock upon vesting. The PSUs are scheduled to as follows, subject to continued employment by the reporting person through the applicable vesting date: (a) two-thirds vest on January 20, 2018 (because this vesting date fell on a weekend, these PSUs vested on the next business day, January 22, 2018), (b) one-sixth vest on January 20, 2019, and (c) one-sixth vest on January 20, 2020.
- (2) On January 22, 2018, the two-thirds of the PSUs that were scheduled to vest on January 20, 2018 were settled in shares of Common Stock using the January 22, 2018 closing price of the Common Stock.
- (3) These shares of Common Stock were withheld to satisfy the tax withholding obligation in connection with the settlement of vested PSUs into shares of Common Stock on January 22, 2018.

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