FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Witmer Melinda   |   |  |  | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol TEGNA INC [ TGNA ] |   |                                     |       |                               |  |                             |                    |   |                                   | ationship o<br>k all applio<br>Directo                | 10% Owne  |  |    |  |                                       |  |
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| (Last)   | .ast) (First) (Middle)  |  |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2021 |                                     |       |                               |  |                             |                    |   |                                   |   | Officer<br>below)   | (give title  |    | Other (<br>below)  | specify                               |  |
| 8350 BROAD STREET, SUITE 2000  |   |  |  |   | If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)       |                                     |       |                               |  |                             |                    |   |                                   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable |   |  |    |  |                                       |  |
| (Street) TYSONS  |   |  | 22102  |   |   |                                     |       |                               |  |                             |                    |   |                                   | ine)<br>X   |   | iled by Mor  |    | orting Person<br>One Repo  | I                                     |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac<br>Date<br>(Month/Da   |   |  |  | Execution Date,   |   | Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5) |       | ities Acquir<br>d Of (D) (In: |  | 4 and Securitie<br>Benefici |                    | es Form<br>ially (D) of<br>Following (I) (II  |                                   | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)                     | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |    |  |                                       |  |
|  |   |  |  |   |   |                                     |       | Code                          | ٧  | Amount                      | (A) or<br>(D) Prid |   | e                                 | Transact  | nsaction(s)<br>str. 3 and 4)                                      |  |    | (111341. 4)  |                                       |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |  |   |   |                                     |       |                               |  |                             |                    |   |                                   |   |   |  |    |  |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Y | ate, Tr   | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code (Instr<br>8)                       |                                     | n of  |                               | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                             |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                   | D<br>S<br>(I  | Price of<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>nstr. 5)                      | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |  | Co  | ode   | v                                   | (A)   | (D)                           | Date<br>Exercisable  |                             | xpiration<br>ate   | Title   | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share | er  |   |  |    |  |                                       |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units   | (1)   | 05/19/2021                                 |  |   | A   |                                     | 6,593 |                               | (2)  |                             | (2)                | Common<br>Stock   | 6,59                              | 3   | \$0   | 6,593  |    | D  |                                       |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ Each \ restricted \ stock \ unit \ represents \ a \ contingent \ right \ to \ receive \ one \ share \ of \ the \ underlying \ common \ stock.$
- 2. The restricted stock units vest in four equal quarterly installments beginning on August 1, 2021, except that the last quarterly installment shall vest on the earlier of the date of the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Issuer and May 1, 2022. Unless delivery has been deferred by election of the reporting person, vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as soon as administratively practicable upon the earliest to occur of the reporting person's separation from service with the Issuer, certain changes in control of the Issuer and May 1, 2022.

/s/ Akin S. Harrison, attorneyin-fact

05/21/2021

\*\* 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).
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