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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 Address of Reporting Person* <u>Abbasi Faraz</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>P.O. BOX 1387</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>WARSAW IN 46581</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/11/2022</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

**Explanation of Responses:**

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Becka J. Turnbow,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/14/2022

\*\* 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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LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION

POWER OF ATTORNEY  
SECTIONS 13d AND 16a MATTERS

Know all by these present the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Becka J. Turnbow, Matthew VanDeWielles and J. Rickard Donovan, signing singly, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys in fact to

1 execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a more than five percent 5 percent stockholder if applicable of Lakeland Financial Corporation the Company, any Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto in accordance with Section 13d of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder

2 execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a director, officer or stockholder of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16a of the Exchange Act 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 and any such Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto and timely file such form or schedule with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, the Nasdaq Stock Market, the Company 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 facts 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 or substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney in fact, or such attorney in facts 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 undersigneds responsibilities to comply with Section 13d or Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

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 and Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G including any amendments thereto with respect to the undersigneds 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of the 7th day of January, 2022.

s Faraz Abbasi  
Name