

VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC.

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 *
AYLWARD GEORGE R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, 100 PEARL STREET

(Street)

HARTFORD, CT 06103

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/07/2017

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)
Director, CEO and President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or Price (A) (D) (1) (2)			
Common Stock	02/07/2017		M	2,500 (1) A \$ 40 (2)	146,620.04	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2017		M	8,399 (1) A \$ 40	155,019.04	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2017		F	4,959 (3) D \$ 108.1 (4)	150,060.04	D	
Common Stock					70.062	I	By 401k

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 40	02/07/2017		M	2,500	02/08/2010 02/08/2017	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options	\$ 40	02/08/2017		M	8,399	02/08/2010 02/08/2017	Common Stock	8,399

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AYLWARD GEORGE R C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS 100 PEARL STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103	X		Director, CEO and President	

Signatures

/s/Mark S. Flynn,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/09/2017

**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) Acquisition of common stock upon exercise of expiring employee stock options.
- (2) The option exercise price was paid in cash.
- (3) Exempt disposition to the Issuer under Rule 16b-3(e) to satisfy option exercise price and tax withholding obligations.
- (4)

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Includes (i) 1,399.618 shares acquired in connection with the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan, (ii) 11,388 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2017, and (iii) 14,686 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2019. RSUs will be settled for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon vesting.

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