

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

February 21, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) February 20, 2014

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey
**(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)**

001-16197 22-3537895
**(Commission (I.R.S. Employer
File Number) Identification No.)**

500 Hills Drive, Suite 300, Bedminster, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

07921
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (908) 234-0700

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

(d) On February 20, 2014, Dr. Susan A. Cole was appointed to the Board of Directors of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation and Peapack-Gladstone Bank. Dr. Cole will stand for election at the 2014 annual meeting.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)

Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Title

99.1 Press release dated February 20, 2014

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL
CORPORATION

Dated: February 21, 2014 By: /s/Jeffrey J. Carfora
Name: Jeffrey J. Carfora
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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