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

FORM 8-K/A

(Amendment No. 1 to Form 8-K filed June 20, 2013)

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report: August 6, 2013 (Date of earliest event reported)

Sterling Financial Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Washington 001-34696 91-1572822 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation or organization) Identification Number)

111 North Wall Street, Spokane, Washington 99201 (Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

(509) 358-8097

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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:

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Current Report on Form 8-K/A ("Amendment No. 1") is being filed to update the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Sterling Financial Corporation ("Sterling") on June 20, 2013 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The sole purpose of this Amendment No. 1 is to disclose, as required, the committee appointments of directors Paula E. Boggs and Maria M. Pope.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

(d) On August 6, 2013, the Sterling board of directors approved the appointments of Paula E. Boggs to Sterling's Compensation and Governance Committee and Maria M. Pope to Sterling's Audit Committee and its Credit and Risk Committee.

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SIGNATURES

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.

STERLING FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Registrant)

August 9, 2013 By: /s/ Patrick J. Rusnak
Date Patrick J. Rusnak

Chief Financial Officer