

PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP

Form 8-K

April 23, 2013

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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)** April 22, 2013

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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

001-16197 22-3537895  
**(Commission (I.R.S. Employer)**

**of Incorporation)**

**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):

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

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On April 22, 2013, Frank A. Kissel, Chairman of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation, (the “Corporation”) announced the appointment of Douglas L. Kennedy, CEO, as President of the Corporation and of Peapack-Gladstone Bank (the “Bank”), the Corporation’s bank subsidiary. Mr. Kennedy will continue in his role as CEO. Additionally, F. Duffield Meyercord was named Lead Director of the Corporation and the Bank. Mr. Meyercord has been a director since 1991.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is the press release of the Corporation dated April 22, 2013 relating to Messrs. Kennedy’s and Meyercord’s appointments.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d)*

*Exhibits.*

Exhibit No. Title

99.1 Press release dated April 22, 2013

**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: April 23, 2013 By: /s/Jeffrey J. Carfora  
Name: Jeffrey J. Carfora  
Title: Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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