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): May 15, 2018

M&T BANK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-9861 (Commission File Number) 16-0968385 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York (Address of principal executive offices)

14203 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (716) 635-4000

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} (NOT\ APPLICABLE) \\ (Former name\ or\ former\ address,\ if\ changed\ since\ last\ report) \\ \end{tabular}$

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chap or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).	ter)
Emerging growth company \Box	
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.	or

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

(d) Election of Director

M&T Bank Corporation ("M&T") announced that the Board of Directors elected Kevin J. Pearson as a director of the Board, effective May 15, 2018. Mr. Pearson was also elected as a director of M&T Bank, M&T's principal banking subsidiary.

The public announcement was made by means of a news release, the text of which is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Exhibit Description

99.1 News Release dated May 21, 2018.

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.

M&T BANK CORPORATION

Date: May 21, 2018

By: /s/ Marie King

Marie King

Group Vice President and Corporate Secretary

M&T Bank Corporation Elects Kevin J. Pearson to Board of Directors

Buffalo, NY; May 21, 2018 – M&T Bank Corporation ("M&T") (NYSE: MTB) announced today the election of Kevin J. Pearson to its Board of Directors effective May 15, 2018. He was also elected to the Board of Directors of M&T Bank Corporation's principal banking subsidiary, M&T Bank.

Mr. Pearson is Vice Chairman of M&T Bank with overall responsibility for the Commercial Banking Division, the Technology and Banking Operations Division, Credit Division and Wilmington Trust, which is M&T's wealth management and institutional client services arm.

Mr. Pearson began his career with M&T Bank in 1989 as part of the Private Banking Division in New York City and has held a number of management positions, including head of commercial lending in M&T Bank's Tarrytown region, Philadelphia Regional President and New York City Metro-Area Executive. He was named Executive Vice President and joined the M&T Bank Corporation Management Group in 2002. Mr. Pearson began his role as Vice Chairman of M&T Bank in 2014.

Mr. Pearson received a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Commerce and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Santa Clara University.

About M&T Bank

M&T is a financial holding company headquartered in Buffalo, New York. M&T's principal banking subsidiary, M&T Bank, operates banking offices in New York, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Trust-related services are provided by M&T's Wilmington Trust-affiliated companies and by M&T Bank.

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