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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): March 22, 2016

ESSA BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania (State or Other Jurisdiction 001-33384 (Commission 20-8023072 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

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200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania (Address of Principal Executive Offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (570) 421-0531

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 (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 5.02 <u>Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensation Arrangements of Certain Officers</u>

(d) On March 22, 2016, ESSA Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) appointed Joseph S. Durkin and Christine Davis Gordon, J.D., to the Boards of Directors of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, ESSA Bank & Trust (the Bank). Mr. Durkin and Ms. Gordon were appointed to terms that expire at the Company s Annual Meeting in 2019.

A copy of the press release announcing this item is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No. Description

Press release issued by the Company on March 28, 2016 announcing the appointment of two new directors.

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.

DATE: March 28, 2016

ESSA BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Gary S. Olson

Gary S. Olson

President and Chief Executive Officer