

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

April 26, 2012

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)

April 24, 2012

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Rhode Island

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-32991

(Commission
File Number)

05-0404671

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

23 Broad Street, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 348-1200

Former name or address, if changed from last report: N/A

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

On April 24, 2012, Gary P. Bennett retired from the Board of Directors of Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. (the "Corporation"). At the time of his resignation from the Corporation's Board of Directors, Mr. Bennett was a member of the Corporation's Audit Committee and Compensation Committee.

The Corporation's corporate governance guidelines, consistent with the by-laws, currently require any director who reaches his or her 70th birthday to resign from the Board of Directors as of the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders following such director's 70th birthday.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Corporation's Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on April 24, 2012. On the record date of February 24, 2012, there were 16,347,372 shares issued, outstanding and eligible to vote, of which 14,599,231 shares, or 89.3%, were represented at the Annual Meeting either in person or by proxy.

The results of matters voted upon are presented below:

1. Five directors, nominated by the Board of Directors, were elected to hold office as directors of the Corporation, each to serve until the 2015 Annual Meeting and until their successors are duly elected and qualified:

	Term	Votes For	Votes Withheld	Broker Non-votes
Steven J. Crandall	3 years	11,310,629	473,587	2,815,015
Joseph J. MarcAurele	3 years	11,306,169	478,047	2,815,015
Victor J. Orsinger, II	3 years	11,309,971	474,245	2,815,015
Edwin J. Santos	3 years	11,606,270	177,946	2,815,015
Patrick J. Shanahan, Jr.	3 years	11,344,515	439,701	2,815,015

2. The ratification of the selection of KPMG LLP as the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

Votes For	Votes Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-votes
14,529,134	57,917	12,180	—

3. A non-binding resolution to approve the compensation of the Corporation's named executive officers.

Votes For	Votes Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-votes
11,254,990	359,489	169,737	2,815,015

SIGNATURES

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

Date: April 26, 2012

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ David V. Devault
David V. Devault
Senior Executive Vice President,
Secretary and Chief Financial Officer