





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

(b) On November 28, 2018, Diane F. Rhine and Mark G. Solow, both members of the Board of Directors of the Registrant, notified the Registrant that, in order to devote more time to their personal business and families, they will not be standing for reelection at the Company's 2019 annual stockholders meeting and will retire from the Boards of the Registrant and OceanFirst Bank N.A. the Registrant's banking subsidiary (the "Bank") at that time.

(d) On November 28, 2018, the Registrant appointed Nicos Katsoulis to its Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2019. It has not yet been determined on which Committees of the Board of the Registrant Mr. Katsoulis will serve. However, because Mr. Katsoulis was formerly an employee of the Registrant, he will not serve on the Audit, Human Resources/Compensation or Leadership Committees at this time. Mr. Katsoulis was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the Bank, effective January 1, 2019. Further information regarding Mr. Katsoulis is included in the Press Release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On November 29, 2019, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the above retirements and appointment. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release announcing the retirements of Diane F. Rhine and Mark G. Solow and appointment of Nicos Katsoulis.

**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.

OCEANFIRST FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: November 29, 2018 /s/ Michael J. Fitzpatrick

Michael J. Fitzpatrick

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
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<u>99.1</u>	Press Release Announcing the Retirements of Diane F. Rhine and Mark G. Solow and the Appointment of Nicos Katsoulis.
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