

ESSA Bancorp, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 28, 2016

**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**  
**of Incorporation)**

**001-33384**  
**(Commission**  
**File No.)**

**20-8023072**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**200 Palmer Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania**

**18360**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**(Zip Code)**

**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):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensation Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(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
99.1	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.

**ESSA BANCORP, INC.**

DATE: March 28, 2016

By: /s/ Gary S. Olson  
Gary S. Olson  
President and Chief Executive Officer