

**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

December 26, 2018
Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported)

WSFS Financial Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-35638
(Commission
File Number)

22-2866913
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

500 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware
(Address of principal executive offices)

19801
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (302) 792-6000

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 40.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

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 or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On January 1, 2019, the previously announced appointments of (i) Mark A. Turner, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of WSFS Financial Corporation and WSFS Bank (collectively “WSFS”), as the Executive Chairman of the Boards of Directors of WSFS (the “Boards”), and (ii) Rodger Levenson, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of WSFS, as President and Chief Executive Officer of WSFS and a member of the Boards, each became effective. In connection with these appointments, Mr. Turner resigned as President and Chief Executive Officer of WSFS, effective December 31, 2018.

On December 31, 2018, in connection with Mr. Levenson’s appointment effective January 1, 2019, the Boards agreed to provide Mr. Levenson an annual base salary of \$731,000, subject to possible increase at the Boards’ discretion. In addition, in connection with Mr. Turner’s appointment effective January 1, 2019, the Boards agreed to provide Mr. Turner an annual base salary of \$600,000.

For further details, reference is made to the press release dated January 2, 2019, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 – [Press Release dated January 2, 2019](#)

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.

WSFS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Date: January 2, 2019

By: /s/ Dominic C. Canuso
Dominic C. Canuso
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 2, 2019

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**WSFS Bank Completes Executive Leadership Transition
Rodger Levenson Appointed President and Chief Executive Officer
Mark A. Turner Assumes the Role of Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors**

WILMINGTON, Del. – As planned, Rodger Levenson is the new President and Chief Executive Officer of WSFS Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: WSFS), the parent company of WSFS Bank, and a member of its Board of Directors. His new roles became effective January 1, 2019. Mr. Levenson is a long-time banker in the Greater Delaware Valley and has been a member of WSFS' executive leadership team since 2006, most recently serving as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. WSFS has also elevated Mark A. Turner from Chairman to Executive Chairman of the Board. Mr. Turner stepped aside from the roles of President and CEO on December 31, 2018, after a dozen years as WSFS' Chief Executive. WSFS announced this leadership succession plan on July 11, 2018.

"I am honored to become the 13th President and CEO in WSFS' 186-year-history and humbled by the trust that Mark and our Board have placed in me," said Mr. Levenson. "I join my fellow WSFS Associates in thanking Mark for his decades of service to our Company and the communities we serve, and I look forward to working with him in his new role. WSFS Bank will continue to deliver on our mission, We Stand For Service. We will be a catalyst for economic prosperity throughout communities in the Greater Delaware Valley and we will continue to innovate and invest in our Associates and our Bank to meet the rapidly changing expectations of our Customers."

"It has been one of my greatest honors to lead WSFS and I am grateful for the friendships I developed with fellow WSFS Associates and members of our communities," said Mr. Turner. "I look forward to my next phase of service to WSFS as its Executive Chairman, including leading our Board of Directors with Lead Independent Director Eleuthère I. du Pont, supporting Rodger through this transition, optimizing our combination with Beneficial Bank, and helping to shape the next chapter of the Bank's growth story."

Mr. Levenson is a lifelong resident of the Delaware Valley and has more than 32 years of local banking experience. He joined WSFS in 2006 and has served in various executive leadership roles, including Chief Commercial Banking Officer (2006-2015) and interim Chief Financial Officer (2015-2016). From June 2016 to August 2017, Mr. Levenson led cross-functional teams to evaluate, negotiate and integrate many mergers, acquisitions and large capital transactions as Chief Corporate Development Officer. He has led WSFS' executive leadership team as Chief Operating Officer since August 2017. An active member of his community, Mr. Levenson currently serves on the Boards of Directors for the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Delaware and the Wilmington Housing Partnership.

Mr. Turner, born and raised in Philadelphia and a lifelong resident of several communities in the Delaware Valley, was appointed WSFS' President and CEO in April 2007 and served in management for more than 22 years, including two decades as a member of the executive leadership team. During his time as President and CEO, WSFS has delivered superior growth, profitability and shareholder returns, and it has earned multiple marketplace accolades, including 13 consecutive "top workplace" honors in Delaware, four consecutive similar distinctions in newer markets in Southeastern Pennsylvania, and Customers have repeatedly selected WSFS as a "top bank" throughout the communities it serves.

About WSFS Financial Corporation

WSFS Financial Corporation is a multi-billion dollar financial services company. Its primary subsidiary, WSFS Bank, is the oldest and largest locally-managed bank and trust company headquartered in Delaware and the Delaware Valley. As of September 30, 2018, WSFS Financial Corporation had \$7.2 billion in assets on its balance sheet and \$19.7 billion in assets under management and administration. WSFS operates from 77 offices located in Delaware (46), Pennsylvania (29), Virginia (1) and Nevada (1) and provides comprehensive financial services including commercial banking, retail banking, cash management and trust and wealth management. Other subsidiaries or divisions include Christiana Trust, Christiana Trust of DE, WSFS Wealth Investments, WSFS Wealth Client Management, Cypress Capital Management, LLC, West Capital Management, Powdermill Financial Solutions, Cash Connect®, WSFS Mortgage and Arrow Land Transfer. Serving the Delaware Valley since 1832, WSFS Bank is one of the ten oldest banks in the United States continuously operating under the same name. For more information, please visit wsfsbank.com.

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