PEAPACK GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K November 24, 2009

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)

November 19, 2009

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-16197 (Commission File Number) 22-3537895 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

158 Route 206, Peapack-Gladstone, New Jersey (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 07934

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including are (1908) 234-0700 code

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

On November 19, 2009, the Registrant's Board of Directors appointed Vincent A. Spero to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer of Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corporation (the "Corporation") and of Peapack-Gladstone Bank, the Corporation's bank subsidiary. Mr. Spero joined the Bank in June of 2008 as Senior Vice President and Senior Commercial Lender. Mr. Spero has over 20 years of commercial banking experience. Mr. Spero succeeds Garrett P. Bromley, who announced his decision to retire effective on January 4, 2010. Mr. Bromley, a loyal and dedicated employee, will retire after 13 years with the Bank and over 35 years in the financial service industry. Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of a press release of the Corporation dated November 23, 2009.

Item 9.01	Financial Statements and	Financial Statements and Exhibits.	
	(d)	Exhibits.	
Exhibit No.	Title		
99.1	Press Release dated November 23, 2009.		

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SIGNATURE

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.

PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Dated: November 24, 2009

By: Name: Title: /s/ Jeffrey J. Carfora Jeffrey J. Carfora Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer