





Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 19, 2017, TrustCo Bank Corp NY (the “Company” or “TrustCo”) adopted the following amendment to its Corporate Governance Guidelines (the “Guidelines”):

**Retirement Age.** Board members assuming office during and after calendar-year 2017, will be subject to mandatory retirement not later than December 31 of the year in which the director reaches the age of 72. Upon recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and subject to all other requirements of the applicable by-laws and other governance documents, the boards may waive mandatory retirement for intervals of not more than two years upon a finding that the services of such director are necessary to expedite the business of the Company and that he or she is mentally and physically able and competent to perform the full duties of the office of board member. In no event may a member serve beyond December 31 of the year in which the director reaches the age of 76.

The change also applies to the Company’s subsidiary, Trustco Bank.

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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.

TRUSTCO BANK CORP NY

By: /s/ Michael M. Ozimek

Name: Michael M. Ozimek

Title: Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 26, 2017

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