Northwest Bancshares, Inc. Form 8-K April 18, 2019

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): April 17, 2019

Northwest Bancshares, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland001-3458227-0950358(State or other jurisdiction(Commission File No.)(I.R.S. Employerof incorporation)Identification No.)

100 Liberty StreetWarren, Pennsylvania16365(Address of principal executive office)(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (814) 726-2140

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an merging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

o 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. o

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held on April 17, 2019. The matters listed below were submitted to a vote of the stockholders through the solicitation of proxies, and the proposals are described in detail in the Company's definitive proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 7, 2019. The final results of the stockholder votes are as follows:

 Proposal 1 - Election of Directors
 For
 Withheld
 Broker Non-Votes

 John P. Meegan
 74,081,514
 1,733,336
 12,083,258

 Timothy B. Fannin
 73,923,116
 1,891,734
 12,083,258

 Robert M. Campana
 73,844,477
 1,970,373
 12,083,258

 Mark A. Paup
 68,608,862
 7,205,988
 12,083,258

Proposal 2 - Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The stockholders approved the ratification of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2019.

For 85,771,304 Against 1,964,825 Abstain 161,979 Broker Non-Votes 0

Proposal 3 - An advisory, non-binding resolution to approve executive compensation described in the Proxy Statement

The stockholders approved the proposal regarding the compensation of the named executive officers as disclosed in the Proxy Statement as follows:

 For
 72,023,015

 Against
 3,039,546

 Abstain
 752,289

 Broker Non-Votes
 12,083,258

Item 8.01 Other Events

On April 17, 2019, the Company made the slide presentation attached as Exhibit 99.1 to stockholders during its Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

Item 9.01	Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits
- Exhibit No.Description99.1Slide presentation made to stockholders

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.

NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.

DATE: April 18, 2019 By:/s/ William W. Harvey, Jr. William W. Harvey, Jr. Chief Financial Officer