

CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K

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

(a) - (c) Not applicable.

(d) On December 20, 2011, the Board of Directors of New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Ronald A. Rosenfeld to the Board of Directors of the Company as well as the Boards of Directors of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries, New York Community Bank (the "Community Bank") and New York Commercial Bank (together, the "Banks"), effective January 1, 2012.

Mr. Rosenfeld, who currently chairs the Advisory Board of the Community Bank's Ohio Savings Bank division, is expected to serve on the Audit and Nominating Committees of the Company and the Banks. As an independent director, Mr. Rosenfeld will receive the customary annual retainer, fees, and benefits for his service, and will also be eligible to participate in the Company's stock-based incentive plans.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Rosenfeld's appointment to the Boards of Directors is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) - (c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated December 21, 2011

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.

Date: December 21, 2011 NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.

/s/ Ilene A. Angarola

Ilene A. Angarola

Executive Vice President and Director,

Investor Relations and Corporate Communications

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued on December 21, 2011.