

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
June 30, 2014

**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): **June 27, 2014**

**BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-15781**  
(Commission File No.)

**04-3510455**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**01201**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(413) 443-5601**

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**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) On June 27, 2014, Lawrence A. Bossidy retired from the Boards of Directors of Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. (the Company) and Berkshire Bank (the Bank), effective immediately. Mr. Bossidy's decision was not the result of any disagreements between Mr. Bossidy and the Company.

(d) On June 27, 2014, William J. Ryan was appointed as Chairman of the Boards of Directors of the Company and the Bank. Mr. Ryan previously served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of TD Banknorth Inc. from 1989 through 2007. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Unum Group and is a member of the Board of Directors of Wellpoint, Inc.

Mr. Ryan has been appointed to the Company's Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee and Compensation Committee. Mr. Ryan fills the vacancy created by Mr. Bossidy's retirement from the Board of Directors. Mr. Ryan's term of office will expire at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Mr. Ryan is not a party to any transaction with the Company or the Bank that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

On June 30, 2014, the Company issued a news release discussing the changes to its Board of Directors. The full text of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	News release dated June 30, 2014

**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.

**Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc.**

DATE: June 30, 2014

By: /s/ Michael P. Daly  
Michael P. Daly  
President and Chief Executive Officer