

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM INC

Form 8-K

April 27, 2012

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):

April 25, 2012

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Washington

0-20288

91-1422237

(State or other jurisdiction

(Commission

(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

1301 A Street

Tacoma, WA

98402

(Address of principal executive

offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (253) 305-1900

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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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 5.07. Submission of Matters to Vote of Security Holders.

Columbia Banking System, Inc.'s (the "Company") 2012 Annual Shareholders' Meeting was held on April 25, 2012. There were 39,670,534 shares outstanding and entitled to vote at the annual meeting; of those shares, 37,266,699 were present in person or by proxy. The following matters were voted upon at the 2012 Annual Meeting:

1. The election of eleven directors to serve on the Board until the 2013 Annual Meeting or until their successors have been elected and have qualified;
2. Proposal Number 2, an advisory (non-binding) resolution to approve the compensation of Columbia's executive officers;
3. Ratification of appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

The following is a summary of the voting results for the matters voted upon by the shareholders.

1. Election of Directors

| Director's Name | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Melanie J. Dressel | 33,776,614 | 425,172 | 16,845 | 3,048,068 |
| John P. Folsom | 33,645,925 | 551,968 | 20,738 | 3,048,068 |
| Frederick M. Goldberg | 33,679,493 | 515,820 | 23,318 | 3,048,068 |
| Thomas M. Hulbert | 33,105,465 | 1,087,854 | 25,312 | 3,048,068 |
| Michelle M. Lantow | 34,177,147 | 22,854 | 18,630 | 3,048,068 |
| Thomas L. Matson | 33,100,941 | 1,090,945 | 26,745 | 3,048,068 |
| S. Mae Fujita Numata | 34,181,164 | 18,479 | 18,988 | 3,048,068 |
| Daniel C. Regis | 34,044,444 | 149,388 | 24,799 | 3,048,068 |
| Donald H. Rodman | 33,082,570 | 1,101,262 | 34,799 | 3,048,068 |
| William T. Weyerhaeuser | 33,545,234 | 656,528 | 16,869 | 3,048,068 |
| James M. Will | 33,634,195 | 565,583 | 18,853 | 3,048,068 |

2. Proposal Number 2, an Advisory (non-binding) Vote on Executive Compensation

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 32,824,349 | 927,660 | 466,622 | 3,048,068 |

3. Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| 36,573,033 | 650,476 | 43,190 | — |

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.

Date: April 26, 2012

COLUMBIA BANKING SYSTEM, INC.

/s/ Gary R. Schminkey

Gary R. Schminkey

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer