

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
April 16, 2015

# 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 15, 2015**

## Northwest Bancshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-34582**  
(Commission File No.)

**27-0950358**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**100 Liberty Street**  
**Warren, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of principal executive office)

**16365**  
(Zip code)

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

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

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**Item 5.07**

**Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on April 15, 2015. The matters listed below were submitted to a vote of the shareholders through the solicitation of proxies, and the proposals are described in detail in the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 4, 2015. The final results of the shareholder votes are as follows:

*Proposal 1 Election of Directors*

	<b>For</b>	<b>Withheld</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Philip M. Treadway	68,945,294	570,944	11,348,291
Deborah J. Chadsey	67,268,283	2,247,955	11,348,291
Timothy M. Hunter	68,932,644	583,594	11,348,291

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

The Shareholders approved the ratification of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2015.

For	79,794,342
Against	811,478
Abstain	258,709
Broker non-votes	0

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

The shareholders approved the proposal regarding the compensation of the named executive officers as disclosed in the proxy statement was as follows:

For	66,011,379
Against	2,916,519
Abstain	588,340
Broker non-votes	11,348,291

**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 16, 2015

By: /s/ William W. Harvey, Jr.  
William W. Harvey, Jr.  
*Chief Financial Officer*