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## Section 1: 8-K (FORM 8-K)

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event Reported): September 26, 2018

**BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**0-23695**  
(Commission File Number)

**04-3402944**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**131 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02116**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(617) 425-4600**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**  
(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). 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.

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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.**

(d) On September 26, 2018, the Board of Directors of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. approved an increase in the size of the Board of Directors to fifteen members, and appointed Joanne Chang as a director to fill the vacancy created by that action.

Ms. Chang's term of office will expire at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Brookline's shareholders or until her successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Ms. Chang has also been appointed to the Board of Directors of Brookline Bank.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1      [Press release of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. issued September 26, 2018.](#)

**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.

**BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.**

Date: September 26, 2018

By: /s/ Michael W. McCurdy  
Michael W. McCurdy  
Chief Risk Officer, General Counsel and Secretary

## EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit No. Description

[99.1](#) [Press Release – September 26, 2018](#)

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## Section 2: EX-99.1 (PRESS RELEASE)

### EXHIBIT 99.1

#### Brookline Bancorp, Inc. Names Joanne Chang to Board of Directors

BOSTON, Sept. 26, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: BRKL) announced today that its Board of Directors approved an increase in the number of members of its Board to 15 members and appointed Joanne Chang as a director to fill the vacancy created by that action.

Ms. Chang is the pastry chef, co-owner, and founder of Flour, a bakery and café with several locations throughout Boston, Massachusetts, as well as Myers + Chang, also located in Boston, which is an Asian fusion restaurant that she co-owns with her husband Christopher Myers. Ms. Chang is an author, television personality, and philanthropist. In 2016, she won the James Beard award for Outstanding Baker. Prior to becoming a chef, Ms. Chang was a management consultant at the Monitor Group. Ms. Chang is an avid athlete, having run the Boston Marathon 15 years in a row. She is also an active member of Boston's volunteer community. Ms. Chang graduated from Harvard College with a degree in Applied Mathematics and Economics.

“We believe that Ms. Chang’s experience as an entrepreneur, her business acumen running several businesses and her extensive knowledge of the greater Boston market provides a unique perspective to the opportunities and challenges Brookline Bancorp encounters,” said Joseph J. Slotnik, Chairman of Brookline Bancorp. “We are pleased to welcome her to the Board.”

Paul Perrault, CEO and President of Brookline Bancorp, added, “Joanne is a highly visible and well respected member of the business community, and is a dynamic addition to our Board. As an entrepreneur Ms. Chang understands the needs of small to medium-sized businesses and what it takes to innovate and expand. I look forward to the strategic value she will bring.”

Ms. Chang has also joined the Board of Directors of Brookline Bank.

#### ABOUT BROOKLINE BANCORP, INC.

Brookline Bancorp, Inc. is a multi-bank holding company for Brookline Bank, First Ipswich Bank, and Bank Rhode Island and their subsidiaries. Headquartered in Boston, MA, the Company has \$7.29 billion in assets and branches throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island. As a commercially-focused financial institution, the Company, through its banks, offers a wide range of commercial, business and retail banking services, including a full complement of cash management products, on-line banking services, consumer and residential loans and investment services designed to meet the financial needs of small-to mid-sized businesses and retail customers. The Company also provides equipment financing through its Eastern Funding and Macrolase Corporation subsidiaries.

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