

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2016

**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): December 20, 2016**

**NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**1-31565**  
**Commission**

**File Number**

**615 Merrick Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590**

**06-1377322**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(516) 683-4100**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not applicable**

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

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**CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K**

**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On December 20, 2016, the Board of Directors of New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (the Company ) adopted amendments to the Company s bylaws, in the form of the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws (the Bylaws ), to amend the existing provisions of proxy access (i.e., allowing eligible stockholders to include their own nominees for director in the Company s proxy materials along with the Board-nominated candidates).

The following general description of the proxy access provisions of the Bylaws is qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Bylaws, a copy of which is included as Exhibit 3(ii) to this report and incorporated by reference herein.

The proxy access provisions of the Bylaws were amended to permit any stockholder or group of up to 20 stockholders who have maintained continuous qualifying ownership of 3% or more of the Company s outstanding common stock (the Minimum Number ) for at least the previous three years to include a specified number of director nominees in the Company s proxy materials for an annual meeting of stockholders. An eligible stockholder is considered to own only the shares for which the stockholder possesses full voting and investing rights of, and full economic interest in, at least the Minimum Number through the date of the annual meeting. Additionally, an eligible stockholder s ownership of shares shall be deemed to continue during any period in which the eligible stockholder has loaned such shares provided that the eligible stockholder has the power to recall such loaned shares on five business days notice, has recalled such loaned shares as of the date of the nomination notice, and continues to hold such shares through the date of the annual meeting of stockholders.

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

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit 3(ii) Bylaws (Amended and Restated as of December 20, 2016)

**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 23, 2016

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.

/s/ Ilene Angarola  
Ilene Angarola  
Executive Vice President,  
and Director, Investor Relations

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
<b>Exhibit 3(ii)</b>	Bylaws of the Company (Amended and Restated as of December 20, 2016)