SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP Form 8-K October 10, 2013

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

October 10, 2013 (October 6, 2013)

Date of Report

(Date of earliest event reported)

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Georgia (State of incorporation)

1-10312 (Commission File Number) 58-1134883 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1111 Bay Avenue, Suite 500, Columbus, Georgia 31901

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(706) 649-2311

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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

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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.

On October 6, 2013, Samuel F. Hatcher, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Synovus Financial Corp. (the Company), announced that he intends to retire from the Company in the near future, and that he presently expects to make his retirement effective during the first or second quarter of 2014, in connection with the selection and appointment of his successor.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: October 10, 2013 By: /s/ Kessel D. Stelling

Name: Kessel D. Stelling

Title: Chairman of the Board, Chief

Executive Officer and President