Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. Form 8-K March 04, 2014

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): February 26, 2014

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction

001-34452 (Commission

27-0467113 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

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c/o Apollo Global Management, LLC

9 West 57th Street, 43rd Floor

New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (212) 515-3200

n/a

(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))

ITEM 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 26, 2014, Douglas D. Abbey and Alice Connell, members of the Board of Directors (the Board) of Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc. (the Company), informed the Board that they will not be standing for re-election to the Board at the Company s next annual meeting of stockholders. The decision of each of Mr. Abbey and Ms. Connell to not stand for re-election to the Board was not the result of any dispute or disagreements with the Company on any matter relating to the Company s operations, policies or practices.

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.

Apollo Commercial Real Estate Finance, Inc.

By: /s/ Stuart A. Rothstein Name: Stuart A. Rothstein

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 4, 2014