

Fernandez Richard F
Form 4
December 10, 2012

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Fernandez Richard F

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MERIDIAN INTERSTATE
BANCORP INC [EBSB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

10 MERIDIAN STREET

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/06/2012

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

EAST BOSTON, MA 02128

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	12/06/2012		P		503 A \$ 16.25	3,503	I By IRA
Common Stock	12/07/2012		P		497 A \$ 16.354	4,000	I By IRA
Common Stock	12/07/2012		P		500 A \$ 16.354	2,500	I By Spouse
Common Stock						9,500	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 8.99					10/27/2010	10/27/2019	Common Stock	5,000 (1)
Stock Options	\$ 9.5					10/13/2009	10/13/2018	Common Stock	15,000 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Fernandez Richard F 10 MERIDIAN STREET EAST BOSTON, MA 02128		X		

Signatures

/s/ Edward A. Quint, Pursuant to Power of Attorney 12/10/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 27, 2010.

(2) Stock options vest at a rate of 20% per year commencing on October 13, 2009.

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