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MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
May 04, 2009

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): April 28, 2009

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Massachusetts	001-33898	20-4652200
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10 Meridian Street, East Boston, Massachusetts	02128
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 567-1500

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On April 28, 2009, Meridian Interstate Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") and its subsidiary, East Boston Savings Bank (the "Bank"), agreed to hire Gregory Derderian, CPA as the new Chief Financial Officer of the Company and Bank. Mr.

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Derderian is expected to commence his duties on May 18, 2009.

Mr. Derderian, age 43, served as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Mechanics Co-operative Bank in Taunton, Massachusetts beginning in 2003. He has also held the title of Executive Vice President since January 2008. Mr. Derderian held various finance positions at First Fed America Bancorp from 1997 to 2003. He was an internal auditor from 1991 to 1995 with Washington Trust after working for four years with Ward, Fisher & Co CPAs.

A press release announcing Mr. Derderian's hiring is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not Applicable.

(b) Not Applicable.

(c) Not Applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit
99	Press Release dated May 4, 2009

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.

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.

DATE: May 4, 2009

By: \s\ Deborah J. Jackson

Deborah J. Jackson
President and Chief Operating Officer