

MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2010

**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, 2010**

**MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Massachusetts</b> (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	<b>001-33898</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>20-4652200</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<b>10 Meridian Street, East Boston, Massachusetts</b> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	<b>02128</b> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 567-1500**

**Not Applicable**

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

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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 Principal Officers**

On December 20, 2010, Robert D. DeBlosi was appointed to the board of directors of Meridian Interstate Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"). There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. DeBlosi and any other person pursuant to which Mr. DeBlosi became a director. Mr. DeBlosi is not a party to any transaction with the Company or its subsidiary, East Boston Savings Bank, which would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K. Mr. DeBlosi has been appointed as a member of the Company's Audit Committee.

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

None

**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: December 23, 2010

By: Richard J. Gavegnano  
Richard J. Gavegnano  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer