

NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 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 21, 2010

**NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-31565	06-1377322
(State or other jurisdiction of	Commission File Number	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

incorporation or organization)

615 Merrick Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(516) 683-4100  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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))

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Item Other Events

8.01

On December 21, 2010, New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release to announce that upon the recommendation of Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer Joseph R. Ficalora, the Board of Directors has decided to separate the position of chairman from that of president and chief executive officer, and that Mr. Dominick Ciampa, a director of the Company since 1995, has been appointed non-executive Chairman of the Company and its subsidiary banks, effective January 3, 2011. Mr. Ficalora will continue to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer, and as a director, of the Company and the subsidiary banks. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item Financial Statements and Exhibits

9.01

(d) Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the press release that was issued by the Company on December 21, 2010.

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SIGNATURE

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.

Date: NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.  
December  
21, 2010

/s/ Ilene A. Angarola

Ilene A. Angarola  
Executive Vice President and Director,  
Investor Relations and Corporate Communications

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Press release issued by the Company on December 21, 2010.