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): November 3, 2005

Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Massachusetts 0-17089 04-2976299

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number

Ten Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(617) 912-1900

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On November 3, 2005, the Board of Directors of Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. (the Company) elected John A. Straus to the Board of Directors, effective immediately. Mr. Straus will serve as a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Compensation Committee.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Straus and any other persons pursuant to which he was selected as a director.

There is no transaction, or series of similar transactions, since the beginning of the Company s last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction, or series of similar transactions, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was or is to be a party, in which the amount involved exceeds \$60,000 and in which Mr. Straus had, or will have, a direct or indirect material interest.

Item 9.01 Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press Release of the Company dated November 3, 2005.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunder duly authorized.

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Robert J. Whelan Name: Robert J. Whelan

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 7, 2005