

BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL HOLDINGS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2007

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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### FORM 8-K

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#### CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): March 15, 2007

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## Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Massachusetts  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-17089  
(Commission File Number)

04-2976299  
(IRS Employer

Identification Number

Ten Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

(Address of principal executive offices)

(617) 912-1900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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:

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))

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On March 15, 2007, Robert J. Whelan informed Boston Private Financial Holdings, Inc. (the Company) of his intent to resign as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company in order to accept an offer to become a senior officer of a financial services company. Mr. Whelan's resignation is effective March 30, 2007.

In connection with the resignation, the Company's President Walter M. Pressey will serve as interim Chief Financial Officer until the Company recruits a permanent Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Pressey previously served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company from 1996 until 2004 and became President of the Company in 2000.

**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/ Margaret W. Chambers  
Name: Margaret W. Chambers  
Title: Executive Vice President

Date: March 16, 2007