

WEST BANCORPORATION INC  
Form 8-K  
February 23, 2009

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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): February 19, 2009

West Bancorporation, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Iowa  | 0-49677                     | 42-1230603                              |
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| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 1601 22nd Street, West Des Moines, Iowa  | 50266      |
| <hr/>                                    | <hr/>      |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 515-222-2300

Not Applicable

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Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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

Ms. Wendy L. Carlson informed West Bancorporation, Inc. on February 19, 2009, that she does not intend to stand for re-election to its Board of Directors due to the increased demands on her time associated with her new role as Chief Executive Officer and President of American Equity Investment Life Holding Company. Ms. Carlson has been a member of the West Bancorporation Board of Directors since 2007.

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.

West Bancorporation, Inc.

February 23, 2009

By: /s/ Douglas R. Gulling

Name: Douglas R. Gulling  
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer