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PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES INC
Form 8-K
April 27, 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): April 22, 2010

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware ----- (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 001-31566 ----- (Commission File No.) | 42-1547151 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
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| 830 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey ----- (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 07306-4599 ----- (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (201) 333-1000

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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors;

Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of

Certain Officers

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As previously disclosed by Provident Financial Services, Inc. (the "Company") in its Proxy Statement dated March 11, 2010 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 11, 2010, John G. Collins, John P. Mulkerin and Paul M. Pantozzi each retired from the Board of Directors of the Company and The Provident Bank following the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 22, 2010. The Board of Directors reduced the size of the Board from 15 to 12 members as a result of the director retirements.

On April 22, 2010, Christopher Martin, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and The Provident Bank, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of both the Company and The Provident Bank succeeding Paul M. Pantozzi, and Frank L. Fekete was elected Lead Director succeeding John G. Collins.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held on April 22, 2010 (the "Annual Meeting"). The matters considered and voted on by the Company's stockholders at the Annual Meeting and the vote of the stockholders was as follows:

Matter 1. The election of three directors, each for a three-year term.

| Nominee | Shares Voted For | Shares Withheld | Broker Non-Votes |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Thomas W. Berry | 43,501,022 | 1,451,026 | 7,560,597 |
| Frank L. Fekete | 43,255,997 | 1,696,051 | 7,560,597 |
| Thomas B. Hogan Jr. | 43,516,872 | 1,435,176 | 7,560,597 |

Matter 2. The ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2010.

| Shares Voted For | Shares Voted Against | Abstentions |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 51,130,214 | 1,277,282 | 105,149 |

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits. None.

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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.

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.

DATE: April 27, 2010

By: /s/ John F. Kuntz

John F. Kuntz

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary