CHARMING SHOPPES INC Form 8-K March 11, 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) March 8, 2010

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANIA (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 000-07258

23-1721355

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3750 STATE ROAD, BENSALEM, PA (Address of principal executive offices)

19020 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (215) 245-9100

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 8, 2010 Charming Shoppes, Inc. (the "Company") received notice from Joseph M. Baron of his retirement as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, which is expected to be effective in May, 2010. The Company will be undertaking a search for Mr. Baron's successor.

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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.

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC. (Registrant)

Date: March 8, 2010

/S/ ERIC M. SPECTER
Eric M. Specter
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer