

SEACOAST BANKING CORP OF FLORIDA  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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): December 23, 2008 (December 19, 2008

**SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Florida  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

001-13660  
(Commission File Number)

59-2260678  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

815 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, Florida  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

34994  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (772) 287-4000

(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA**

**Item 5.02**

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

On December 19, 2008, the Board of Directors of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida ( Seacoast or the Company ), upon recommendation of the Company s Nominating and Governance Committee, elected H. Gilbert Culbreth, Jr. to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy created with the retirement of John R. Santarsiero, Jr. Mr. Santarsiero s retirement from the Board on August 26, 2008 was previously announced on the Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 28, 2008.

Mr. Culbreth will serve as a Class I director, with an initial term expiring at the Company s 2009 annual meeting of shareholders, and will stand for re-election at that meeting. There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Culbreth and the Company or any other persons pursuant to which he was selected as a director. There are no reportable transactions requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Mr. Culbreth has served on the Board of Directors and the Directors Loan Committee for the Company s principal bank subsidiary, Seacoast National Bank, since April 2006. Mr. Culbreth receives compensation for his service as a director in accordance with the Company s customary director compensation policies, under which Board members who are not executive officers of the Company or its subsidiaries are paid an annual retainer of \$23,000 for their service as directors, \$700 for each Board meeting attended, \$700 for each committee meeting attended and \$800 for each committee meeting chaired. Mr. Culbreth is also eligible to participate in the Directors Deferred Compensation Plan.

A copy of the related press release dated December 22, 2008 announcing the appointment of Mr. Culbreth to the Company s Board of Directors is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release announcing the appointment of H. Gilbert Culbreth, Jr. to the Board of Directors of Seacoast

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

**SEACOAST BANKING CORPORATION OF FLORIDA**

/s/ Dennis S. Hudson, III

Dennis S. Hudson, III

*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Date: December 23, 2008

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