FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/ Form 8-K January 04, 2010

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 31, 2009

First Citizens BancShares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-16715 (Commission File Number)

56-1528994 (IRS Employer **Identification Number**)

4300 Six Forks Road; Raleigh, North Carolina (Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

27609

Registrant s phone number including area code: 919/716-7000

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 UCT 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4c))

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

On December 31, 2009, R. C. Soles retired as a member of our board of directors.

Date: January 4, 2010

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

First Citizens BancShares, Inc. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Kenneth A. Black

Kenneth A. Black, Vice President