LAKELAND BANCORP INC Form 8-K April 07, 2008

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 2, 2008

LAKELAND BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

New Jersey (State or Other Jurisdiction 33-27312 (Commission File Number) 22-2953275 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

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250 Oak Ridge Road, Oak Ridge, New Jersey (Address of principal executive offices) Registrant s telephone number, including area code (973) 697-2000

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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.

(b), (c) and (d)

Effective April 2, 2008, Thomas J. Shara was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Lakeland Bancorp, Inc. (the Company or Lakeland Bancorp) and Lakeland Bank and a director of both the Company and Lakeland Bank. The Company s Board of Directors also nominated Mr. Shara to stand for election for a two year term at the Company s 2008 annual meeting of shareholders.

Roger Bosma retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and Lakeland Bank effective April 2, 2008. He will continue to serve as a director of the Company and Lakeland Bank.

Mr. Shara s business experience is described in the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2008. Mr. Shara and the Company are negotiating the terms of an employment agreement.

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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.

LAKELAND BANCORP, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas J. Shara Name: Thomas J. Shara Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: April 7, 2008

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