#### ALEXANDER HERBERT S

Form 4

August 16, 2010

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading ALEXANDER HERBERT S Issuer Symbol **BOSTON PRIVATE FINANCIAL** (Check all applicable) **HOLDINGS INC [BPFH]** X\_ Director (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 10 POST OFFICE SQUARE 08/13/2010 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

#### **BOSTON, MA 02109**

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			C = V	A	or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
_			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/13/2010		A	2,382	A	\$ 6.29	81,200	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table I. Non Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of an Reposicially Ou

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	t of ying es	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
ALEXANDER HERBERT S 10 POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	X					

## **Signatures**

/s/ Margaret W. Chambers, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Alexander

08/16/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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