

Meritage Homes CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 12, 2005

**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) January 6, 2005**

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**MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-9977**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**86-0611231**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**8501 E. Princess Drive, Suite 290, Scottsdale, Arizona**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**85255**  
(Zip Code)

**(480) 609-3330**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS;  
APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) On January 6, 2005, the board of directors of Meritage Homes Corporation (the Registrant ) elected Gerald W. Haddock as a Class II director, to serve until the 2005 annual meeting of stockholders. In connection with his election, Meritage granted Mr. Haddock a stock option to purchase 5,000 (after the effect of the Company's 2-for-1 stock split in the form of a stock dividend that occurred on January 7, 2005) shares of common stock. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Haddock's election is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 11, 2005

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.

Dated: January 12, 2005

MERITAGE HOMES CORPORATION

/s/ Larry W. Seay

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By: Larry W. Seay  
Chief Financial Officer, Vice President  
And Secretary