

FIRST CITIZENS BANCSHARES INC /DE/

Form 8-K

April 18, 2012

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 13, 2012

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 No.)

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

27609  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (919) 716-7000

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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:

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

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

On April 13, 2012, Kenneth A. Black, Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of First Citizens BancShares, Inc. (the “Company”), notified the Company of his intention to retire from his positions with the Company and its subsidiaries effective on March 31, 2013. The Company will conduct a search for Mr. Black’s replacement, and Mr. Black will continue to serve in his current positions until his successor is identified and hired.

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Signatures

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

First Citizens BancShares  
(Registrant)

Date: April 18, 2012

By: /s/ FRANK B. HOLDING, JR.  
Frank B. Holding, Jr.  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer